



Goodbye, *my* Rose Garden

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My Rose Garden*

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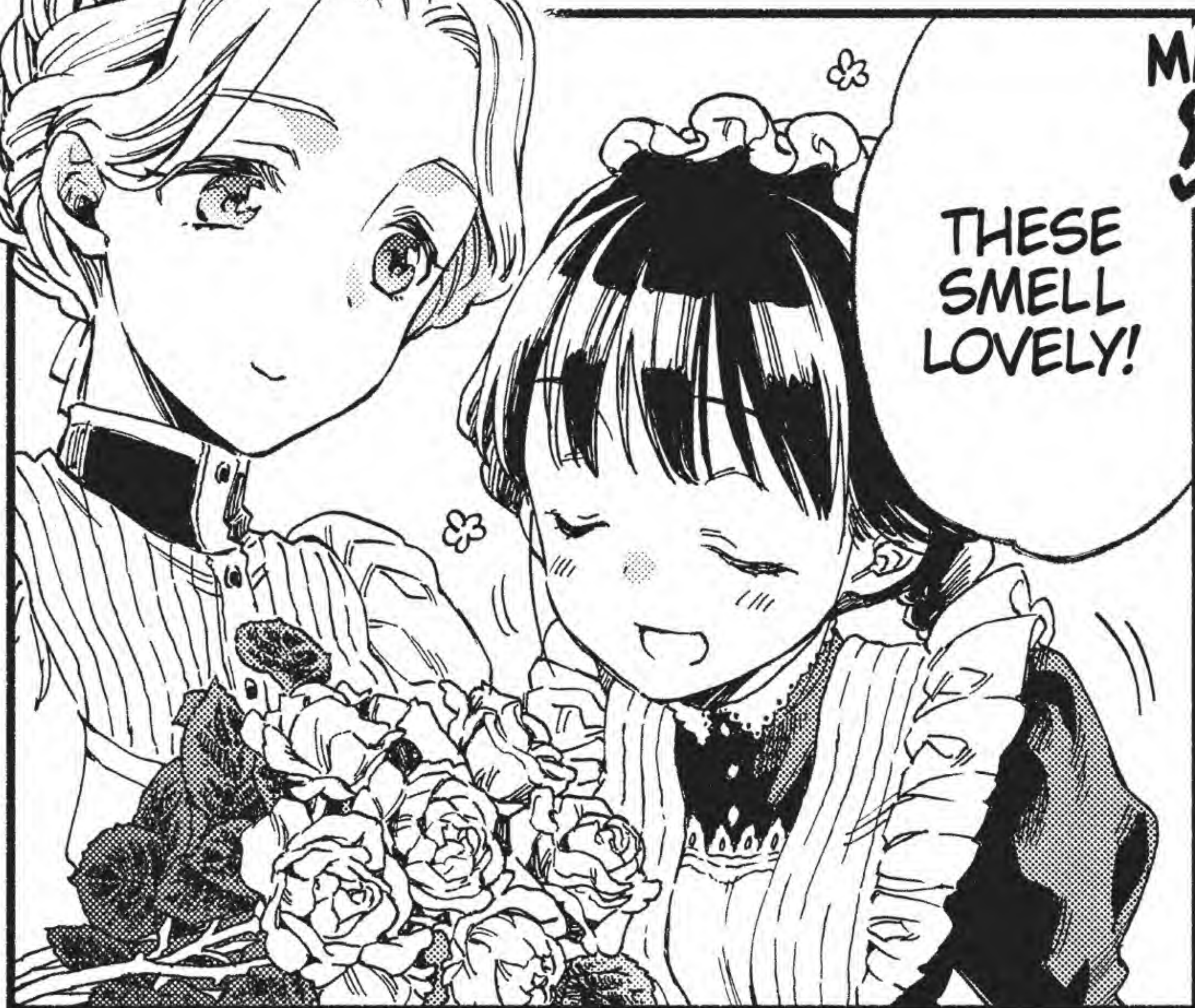


THAT
SHOULD
DO IT.



THIS
IS...

IT'S
THE
SAME
SCENT
AS LADY
ALICE'S
HAIR...



THESE
SMELL
LOVELY!

MM



N-NO!
IT'S
ONLY,
WELL...

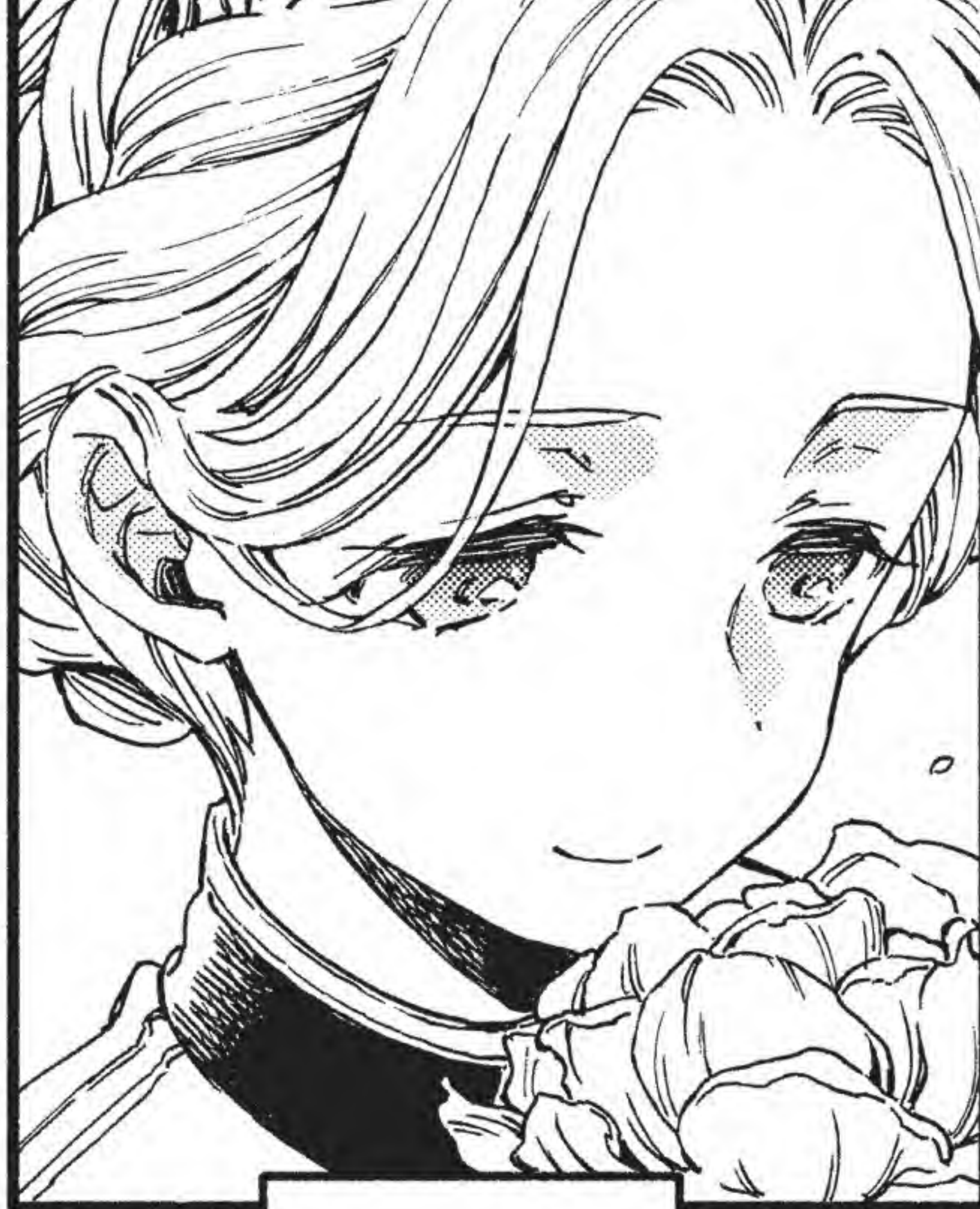
Your
face is
bright
red.

ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

THE SCENT
BROUGHT
ROSE JAM
TO MIND,
AND
NOW I'M
HUNGRY...!

NOT
MESMERIZED
BY THE
FRAGRANCE
OF
FLOWERS,
ARE YOU?





LADY ALICE HAS SEEMED A LITTLE MORE RELAXED.

EVER SINCE THE DAY WE RAN THROUGH LONDON HOLDING HANDS...

WHENEVER SHE SMILES, I AM GLAD.

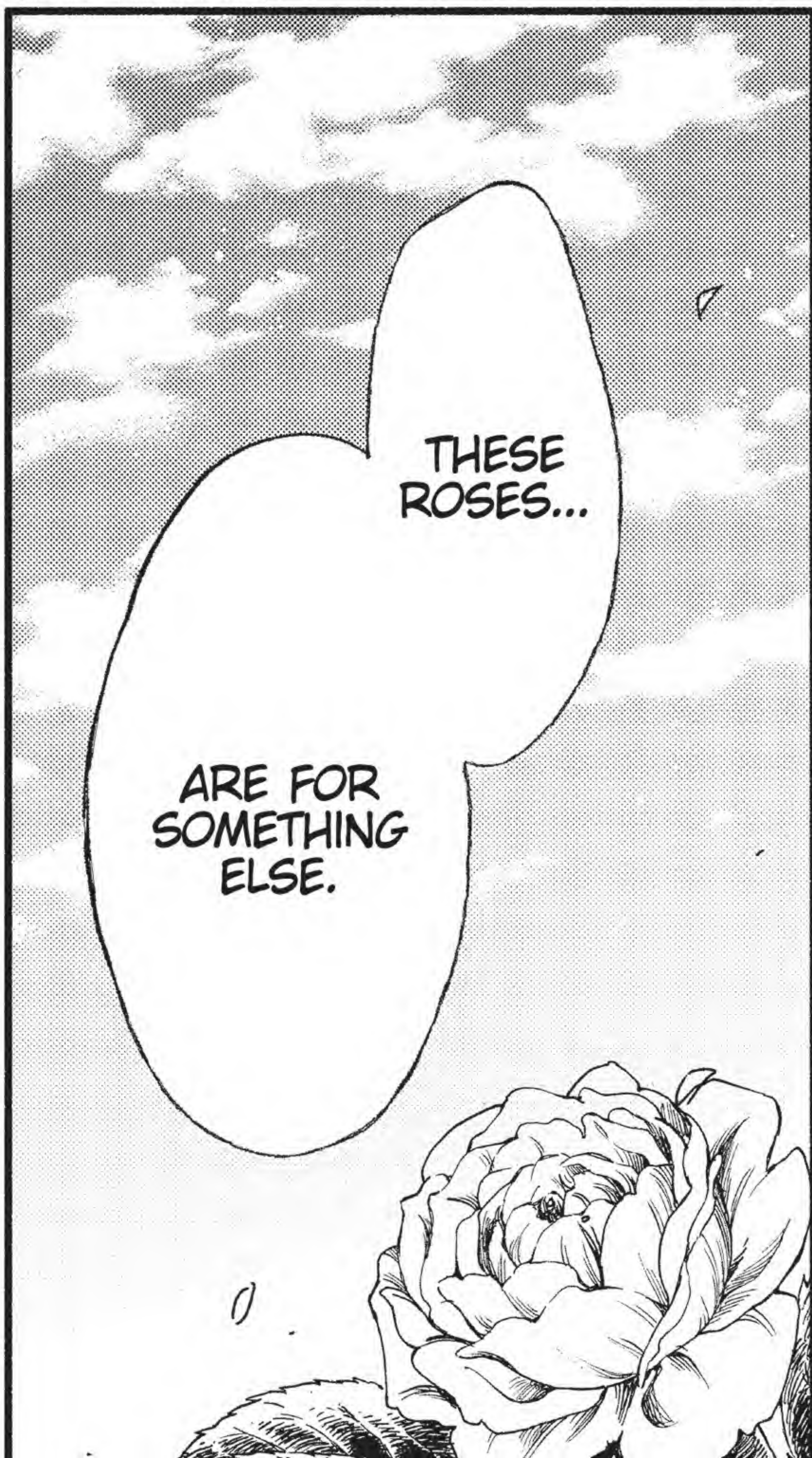
I FEEL BUTTERFLIES IN MY CHEST.



ROSE JAM?

YOU ARE SO SILLY!

The smell brought that to mind?



THESE ROSES...

ARE FOR SOMETHING ELSE.



WE DON'T NEED ONE.

OH, NO.

IF YOU'RE PUTTING THOSE IN YOUR ROOM, THEN I SHOULD FETCH A VASE.

Ah, yes!

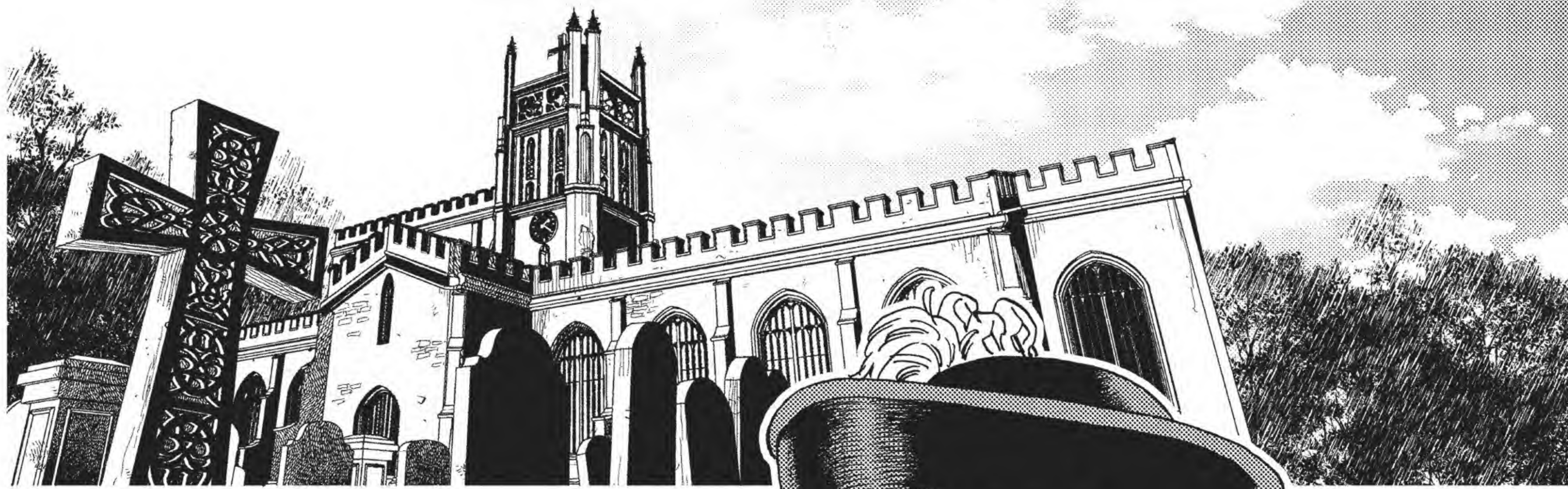
Ah!



{ Chapter 6 }

A Rose Burned Before a Grave





HELLO,
ALICE.

Claudia
McGovern
1851-1894

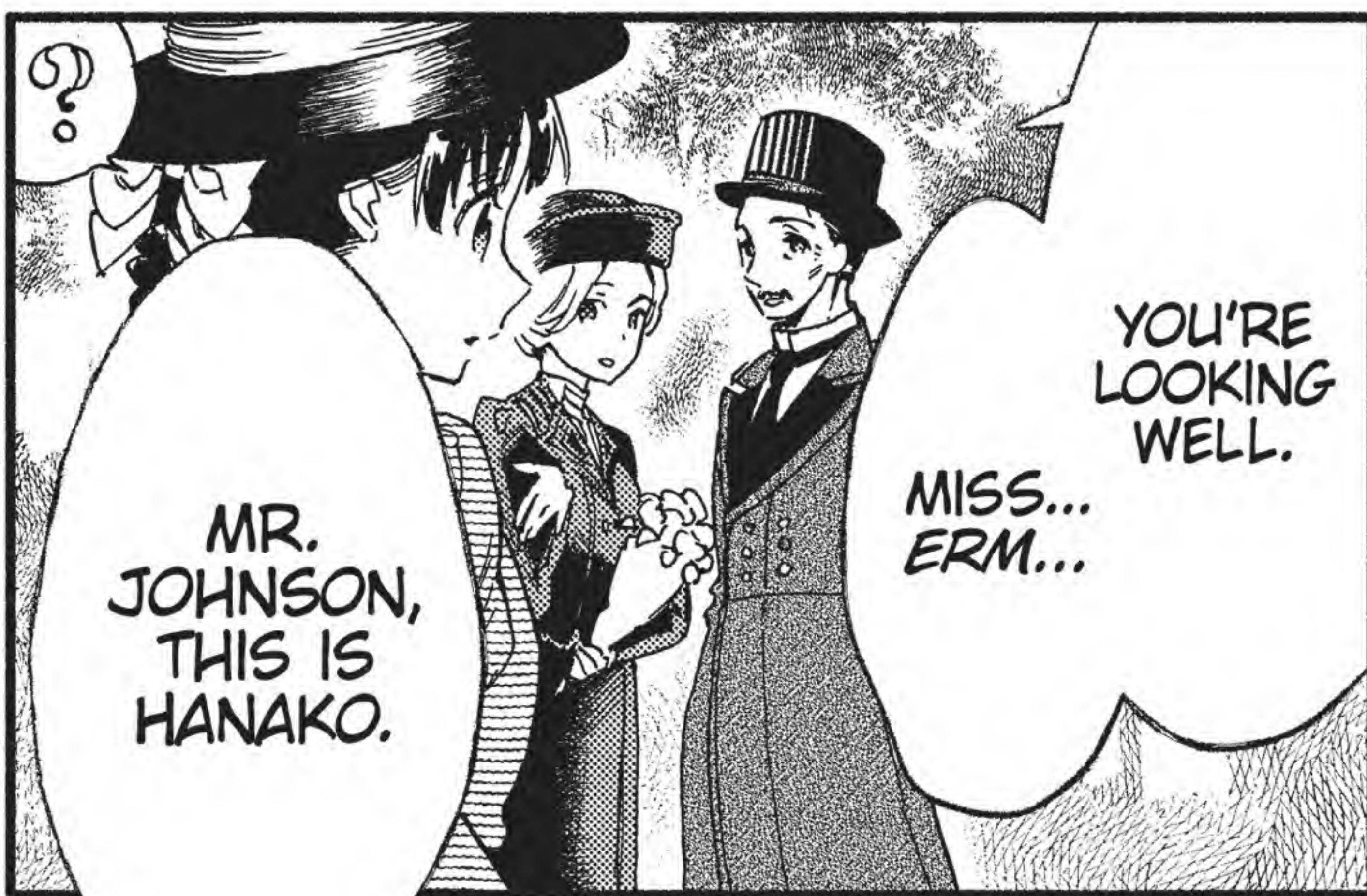


OH, YOU
ARRIVED
BEFORE
US!



AH
...!

HE'S THE
CHIEF
EDITOR
OF A
PUBLISHER
YOU KNOW
QUITE
WELL.



MR.
JOHNSON,
THIS IS
HANAKO.

YOU'RE
LOOKING
WELL.

MISS...
ERM...



HANAKO,
THIS IS
MR.
JOHNSON.



THAT
YOU WOULD
BRING
SOMEONE
ELSE ON
THE ANNI-
VERSARY
OF HER
DEATH.

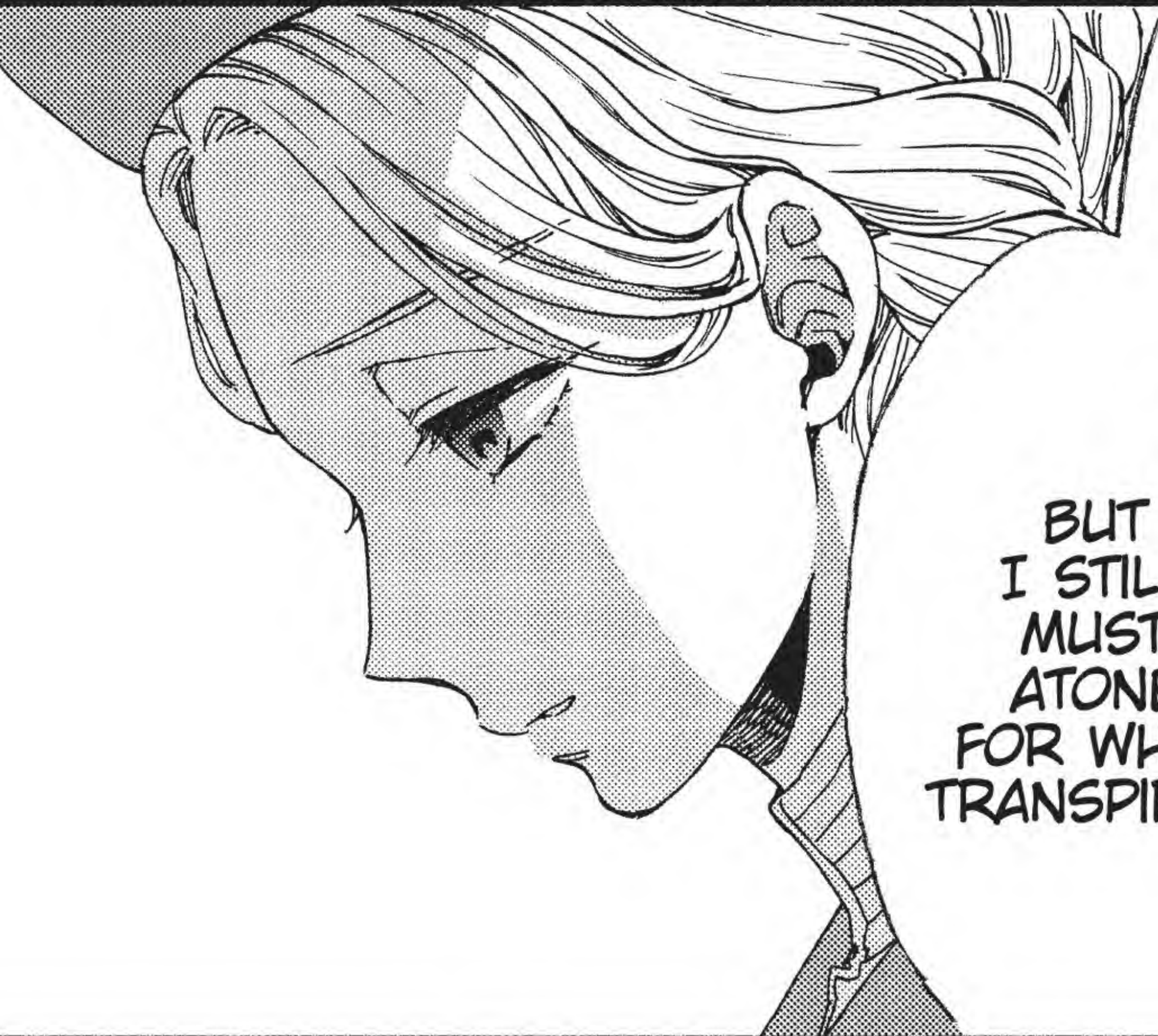
I AM
A BIT
SUR-
PRISED,
ALICE.



I SHOULD
NOT HAVE
BEEN SO
INSISTENT...

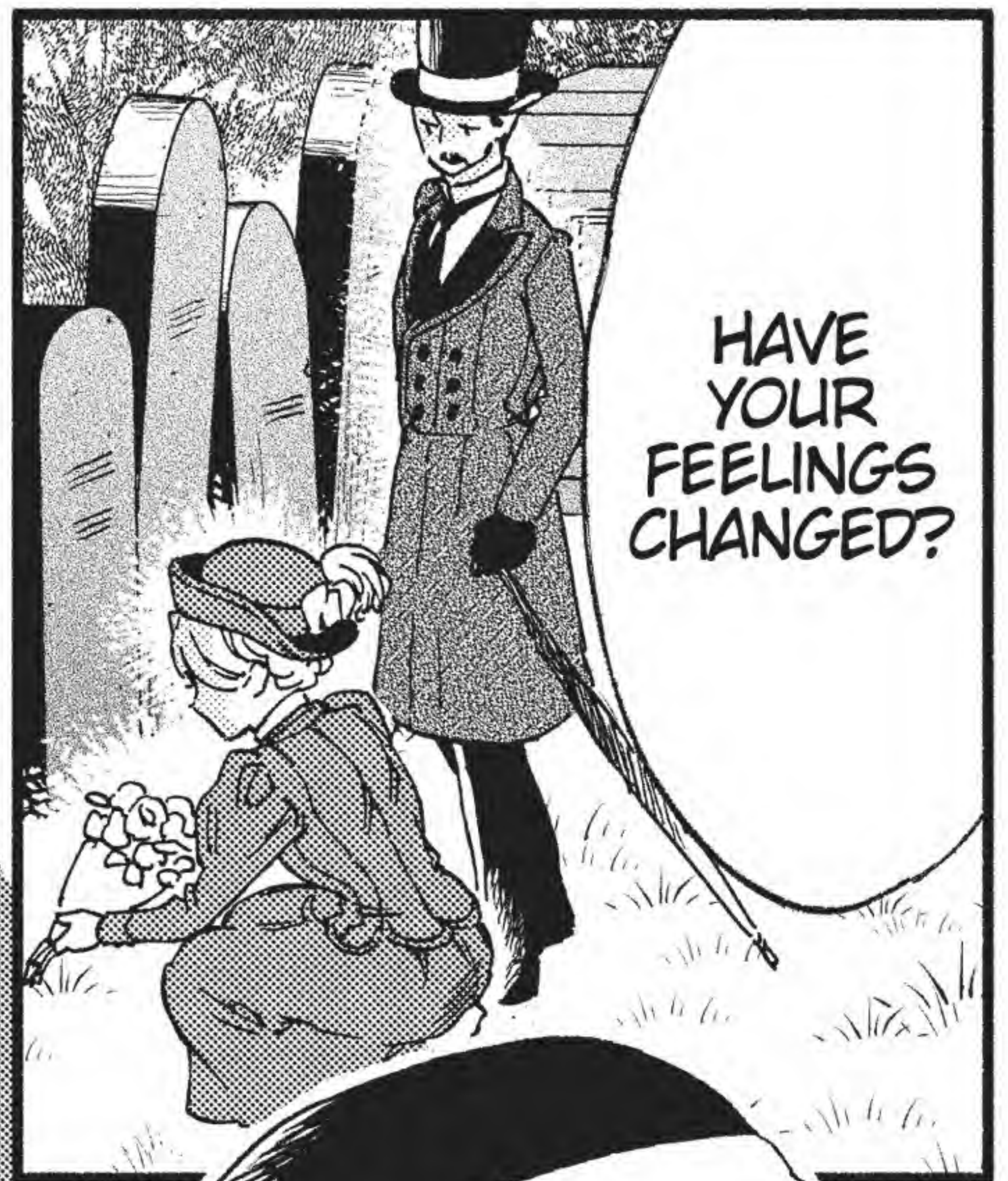
NOT
AT
ALL...

I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY MY
BROTHER
WAS SO
DREADFUL
WHEN
HE LAST
MET WITH
YOU.

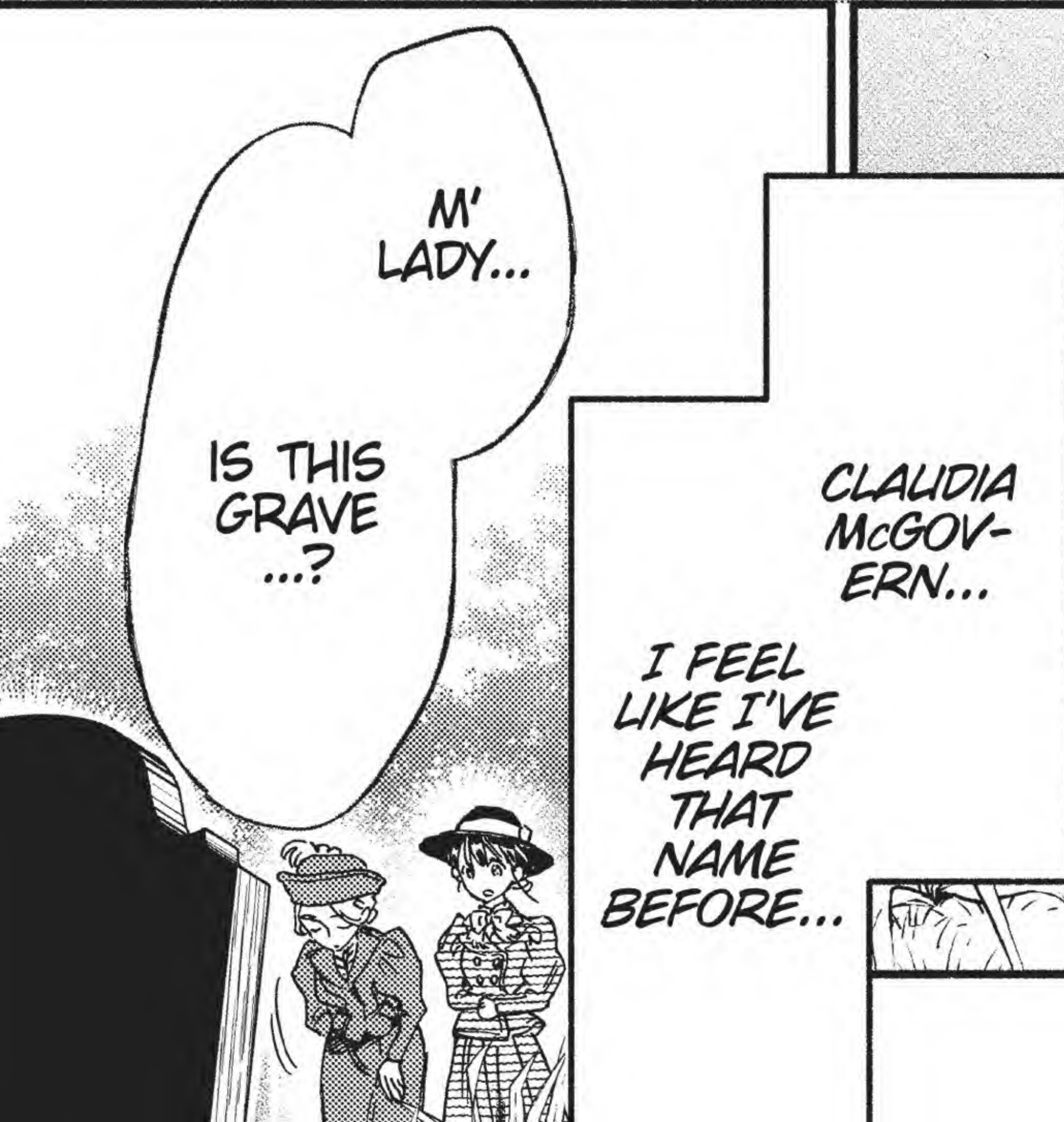


I'M
NOT
EVEN
CERTAIN
MYSELF.

BUT
I STILL
MUST
ATONE
FOR WHAT
TRANSPIRED.



HAVE
YOUR
FEELINGS
CHANGED?



M'
LADY...

IS THIS
GRAVE
...?

CLAUDIA
McGOV-
ERN...

I FEEL
LIKE I'VE
HEARD
THAT
NAME
BEFORE...

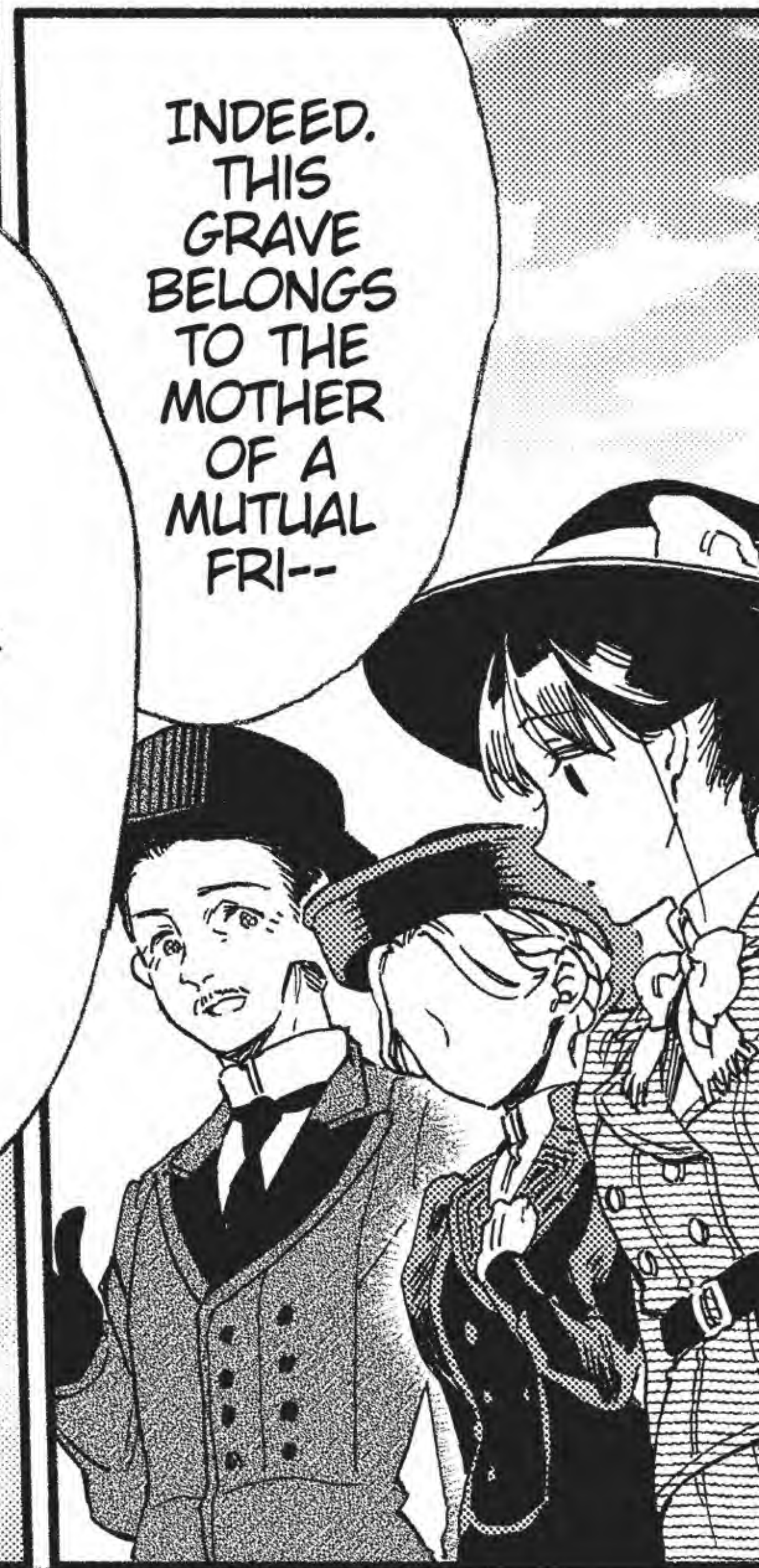
Claudia
McGovern
1851-1861



...?



THE
MOTHER OF
SOMEONE
I LOVED
DEARLY.



INDEED.
THIS
GRAVE
BELONGS
TO THE
MOTHER
OF A
MUTUAL
FRI--

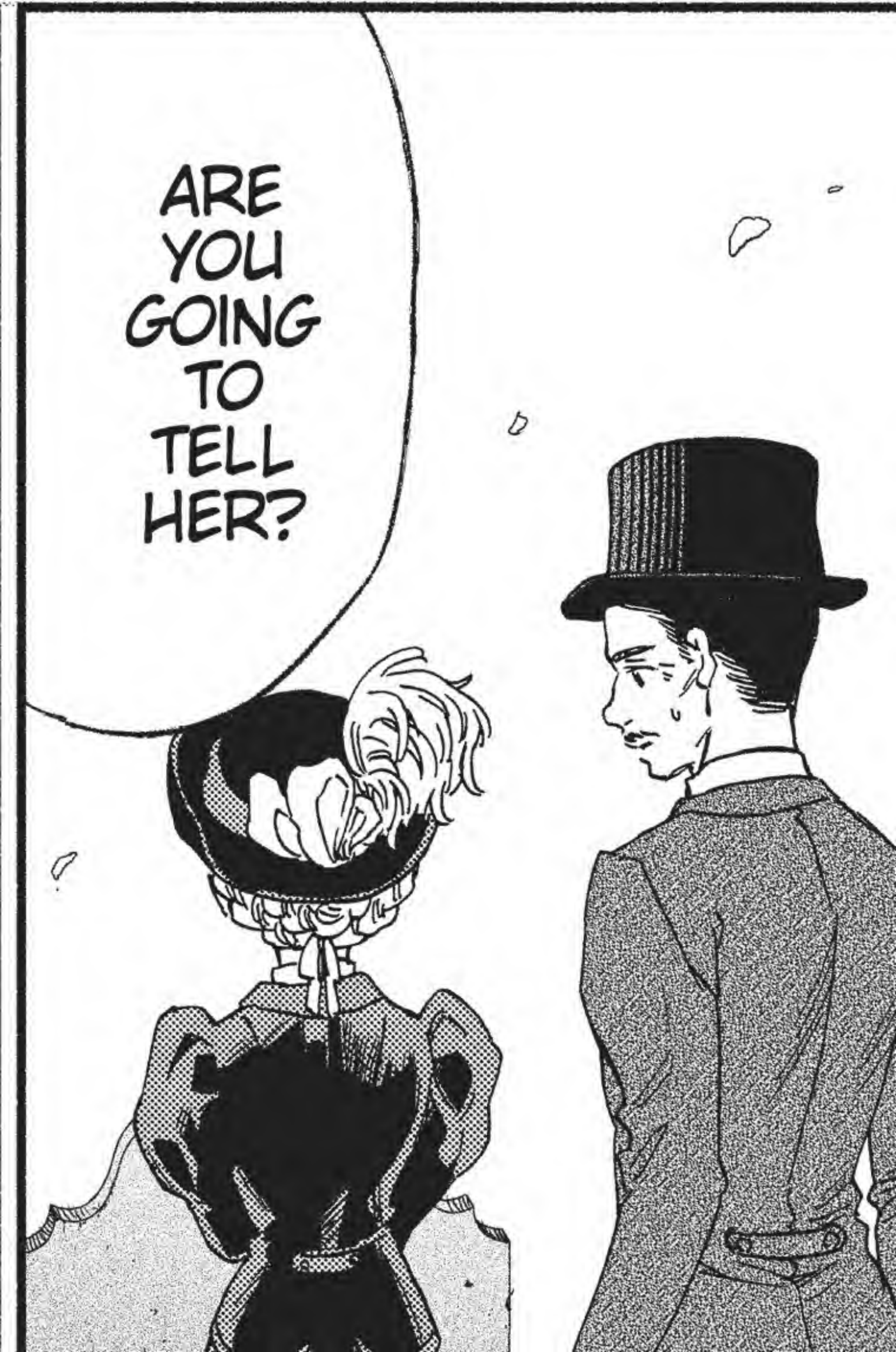


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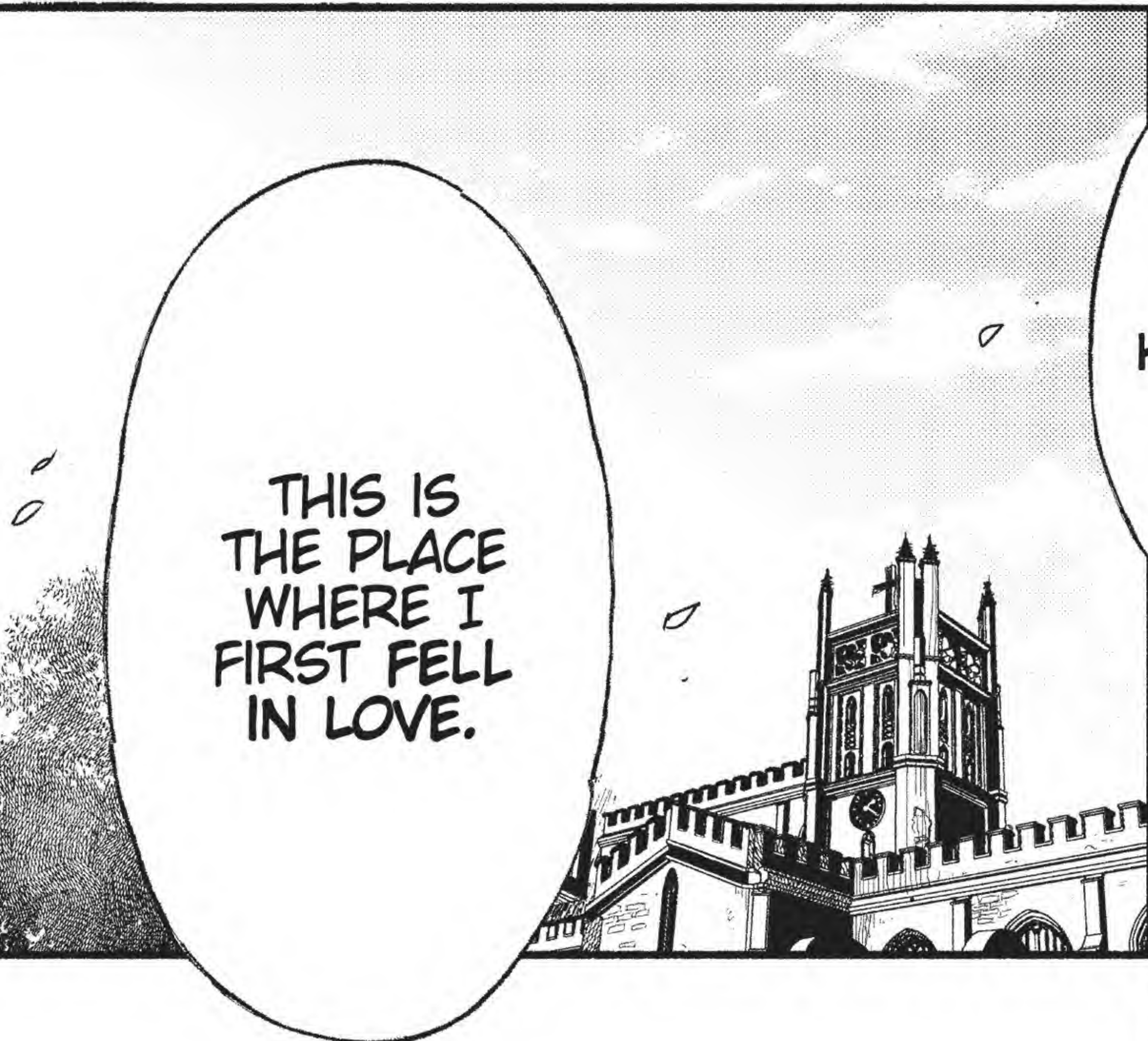
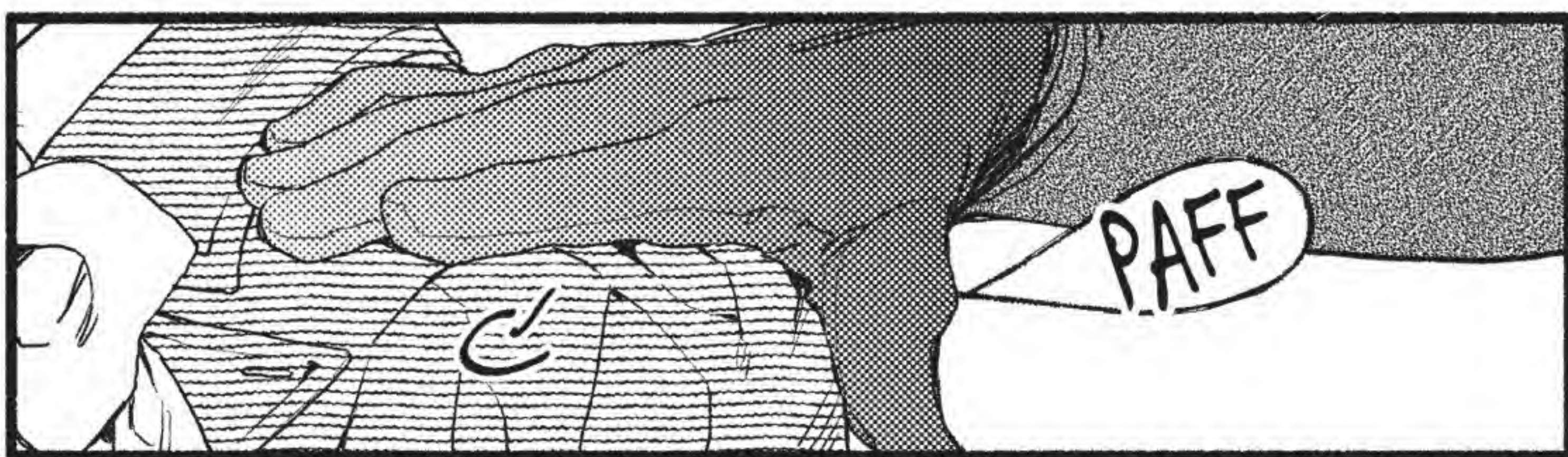


GULP...

...



ARE
YOU
GOING
TO
TELL
HER?





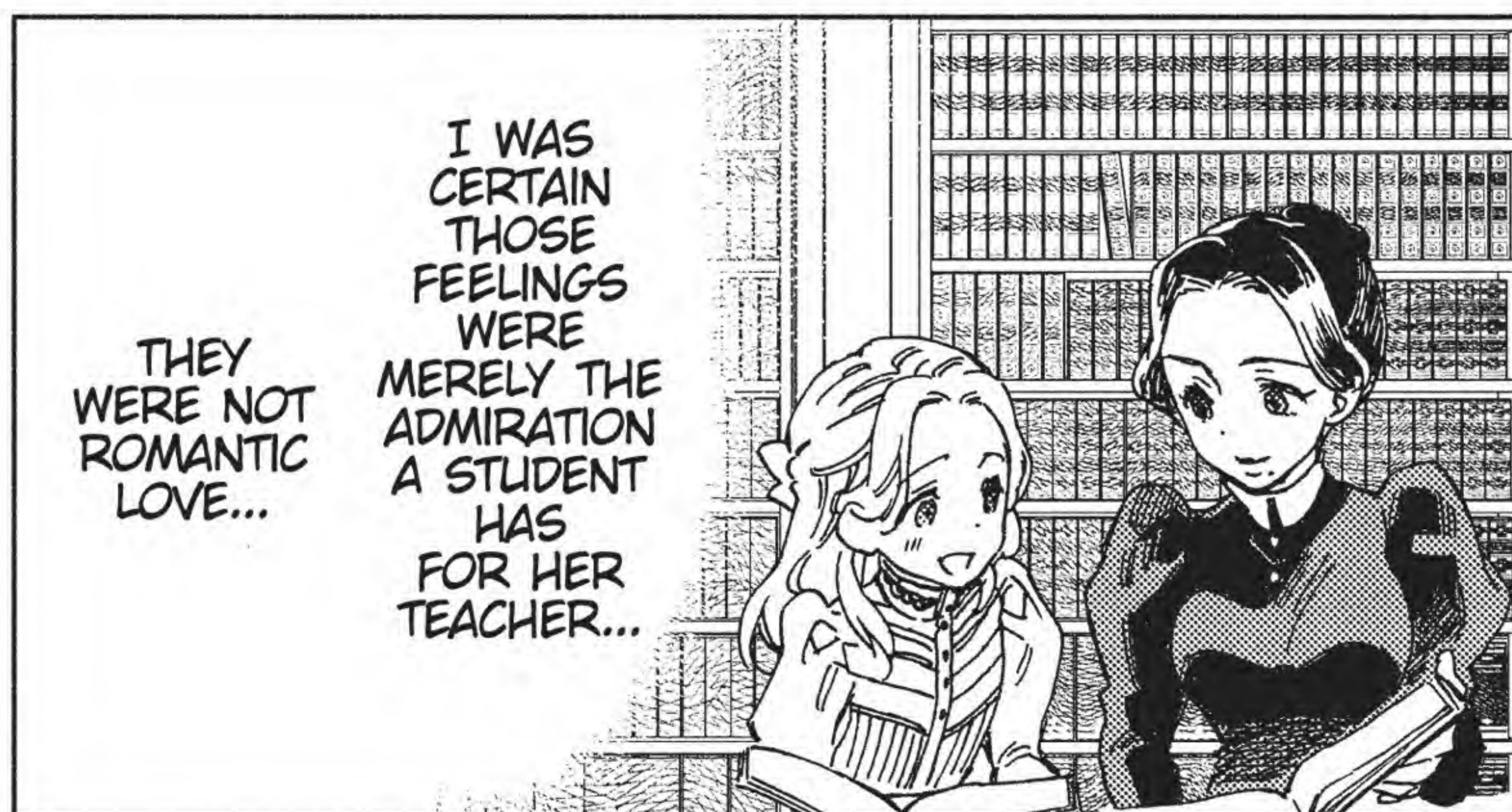
I HAD A
GOVERNESS
WHOM
I HELD
IN DEEP
AFFECTION.

SHE WAS
THE MODEL
OF A PRO-
GRESSIVE
WOMAN,
DEEPLY
INFLUENCED
BY HER
READING.

SHE WAS
BOTH
GALLANT
AND
SAGA-
CIOLIS.



I
YEARNED
TO BE SO
KIND AND
WISE...



THEY
WERE NOT
ROMANTIC
LOVE...

I WAS
CERTAIN
THOSE
FEELINGS
WERE
MERELY THE
ADMIRATION
A STUDENT
HAS
FOR HER
TEACHER...

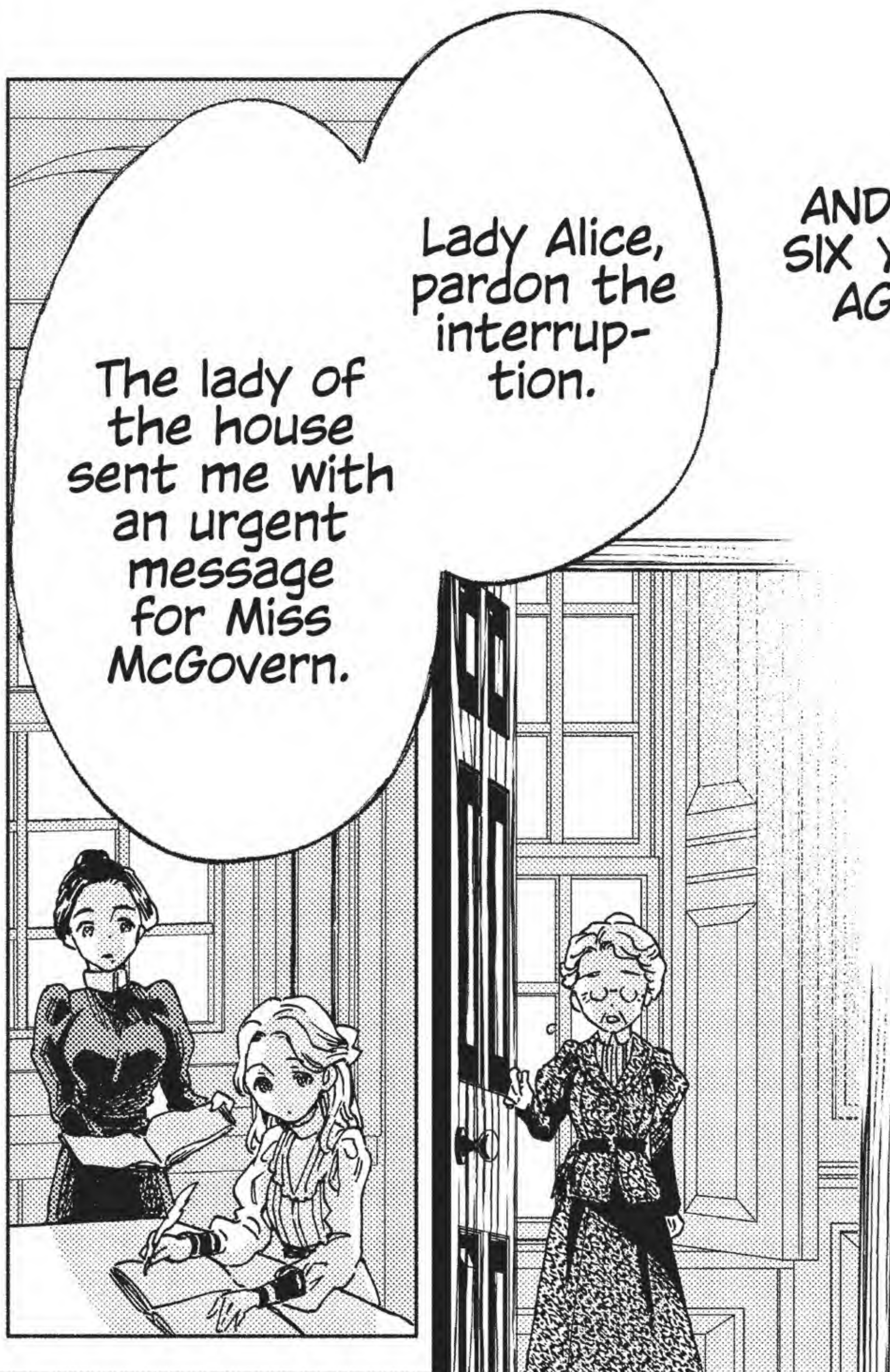
SHE WAS A
WONDERFUL
WOMAN,
REVERED BY
ALL WHO
KNEW HER.





I'm afraid
your mother
has taken a
sudden turn
for the
worse.

A
messenger
arrived
from the
hospital
a short
time
ago...



The lady of
the house
sent me with
an urgent
message
for Miss
McGovern.

Lady Alice,
pardon the
interrup-
tion.

AND YET,
SIX YEARS
AGO...



!



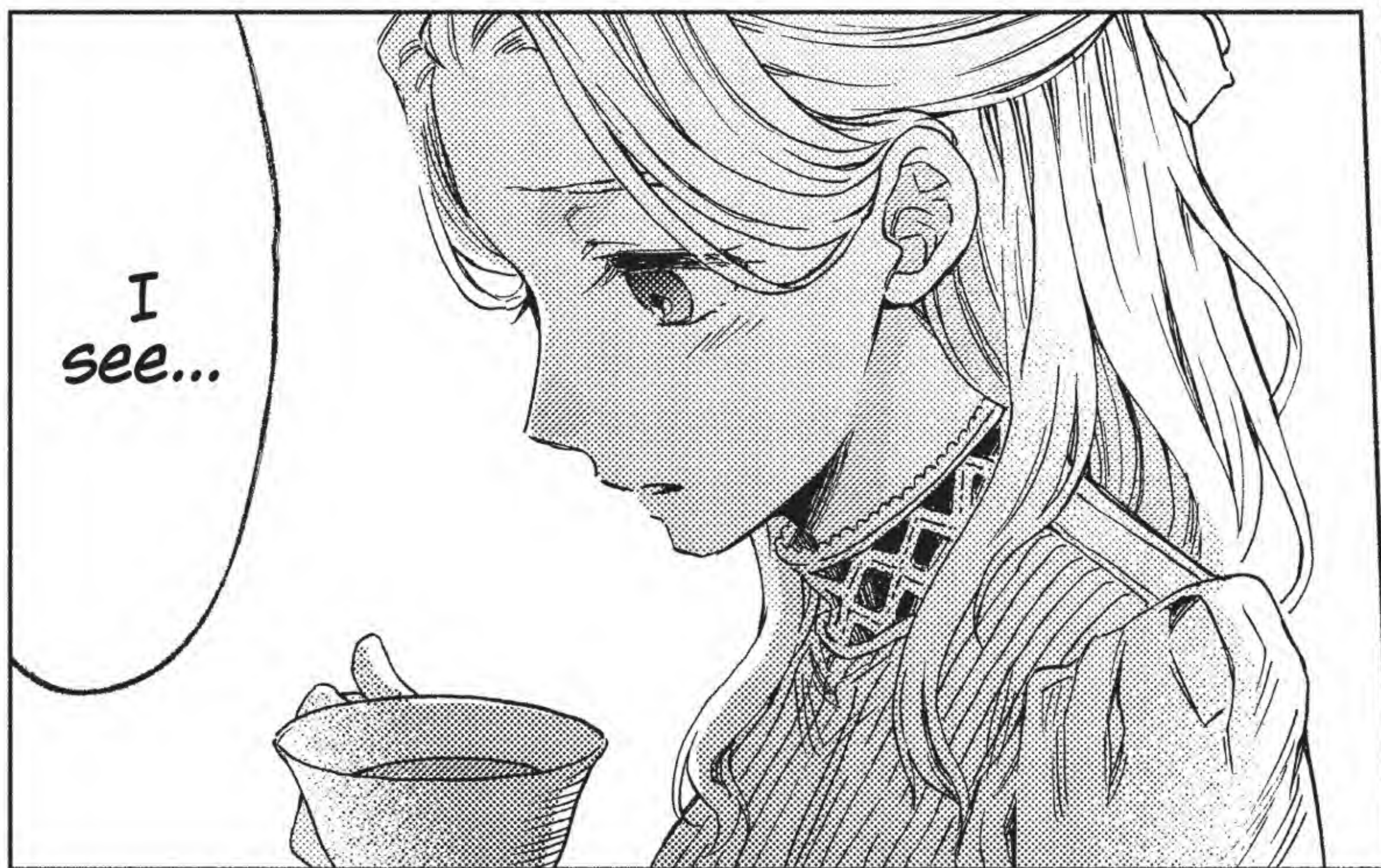
I am
afraid
that
she has
passed
away.

BUT MY
PRAYERS
WENT
UNANSWERED.



I PRAYED
TO GOD
AND THE
HEAVENS
ABOVE...

TO
MAKE
HER
MOTHER
WELL
AGAIN.



I
see...



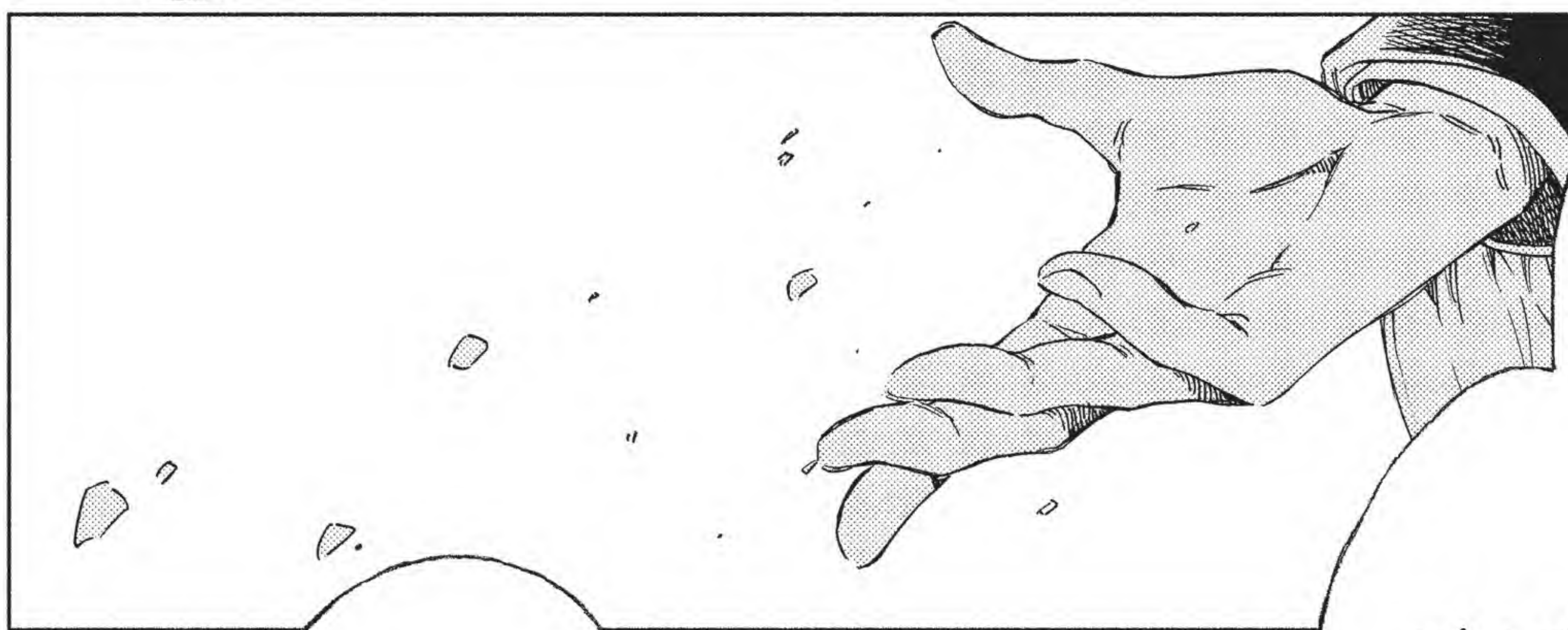
We are
giving
Miss
McGovern
some
time
off.



dust
to
dust.

ashes
to
ashes...

Earth
to
earth...



In sure
and certain
hope of the
Resurrection
to eternal
life, through
our Lord
Jesus
Christ...



according
to the
mighty
working,
whereby
he is able
to subdue
all things
to
himself.

Amen.

who shall
change our
vile body,
that it may
be like unto
his glorious
body...

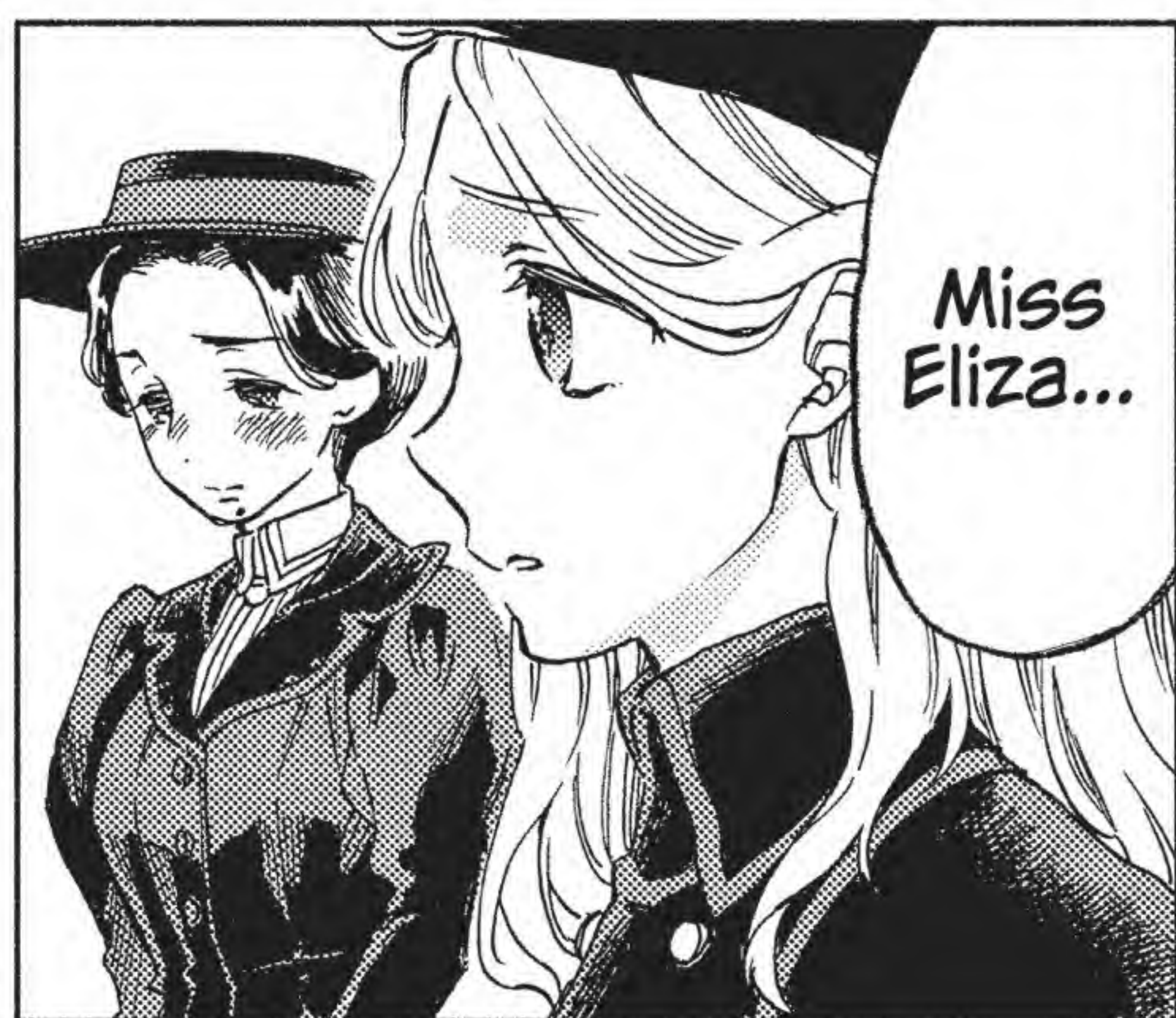


For coming with me.

Thank you, Alice.



Mother was the only family I had left...



Miss Eliza...



Now I am alone.



...

You
are not
alone,
Miss
Eliza...

I am
with
you!



THAT
DREW
ME TO
HER.

IT WAS
HER
HAND...

HER COLD,
TREMBLING
FINGERS
MADE MY
HEART
POUND.

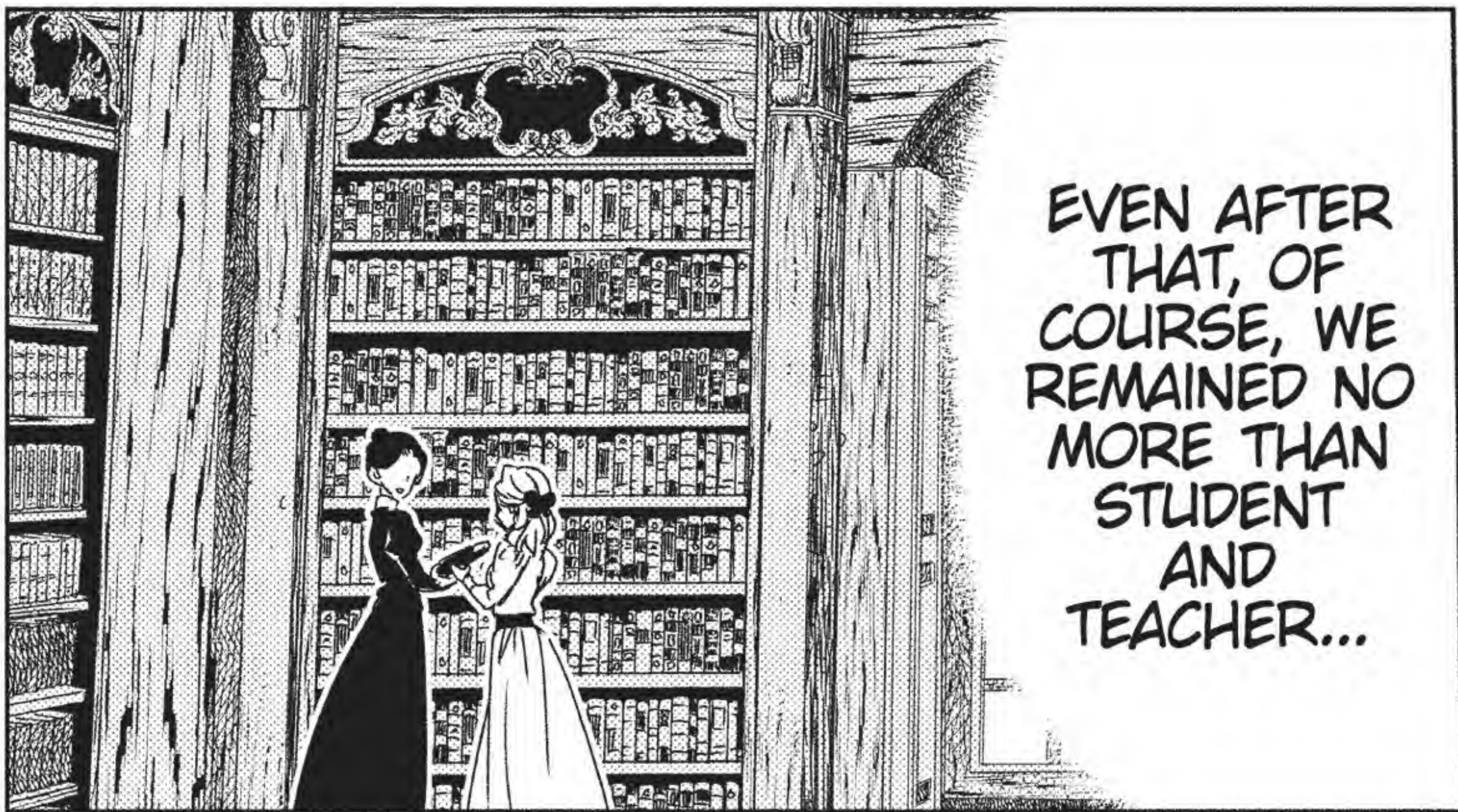


WHEN
I TOOK
HER HAND
FOR THE
FIRST TIME,
I WAS
TAKEN
ABACK.

Please...

you
must
not
feel
alone!

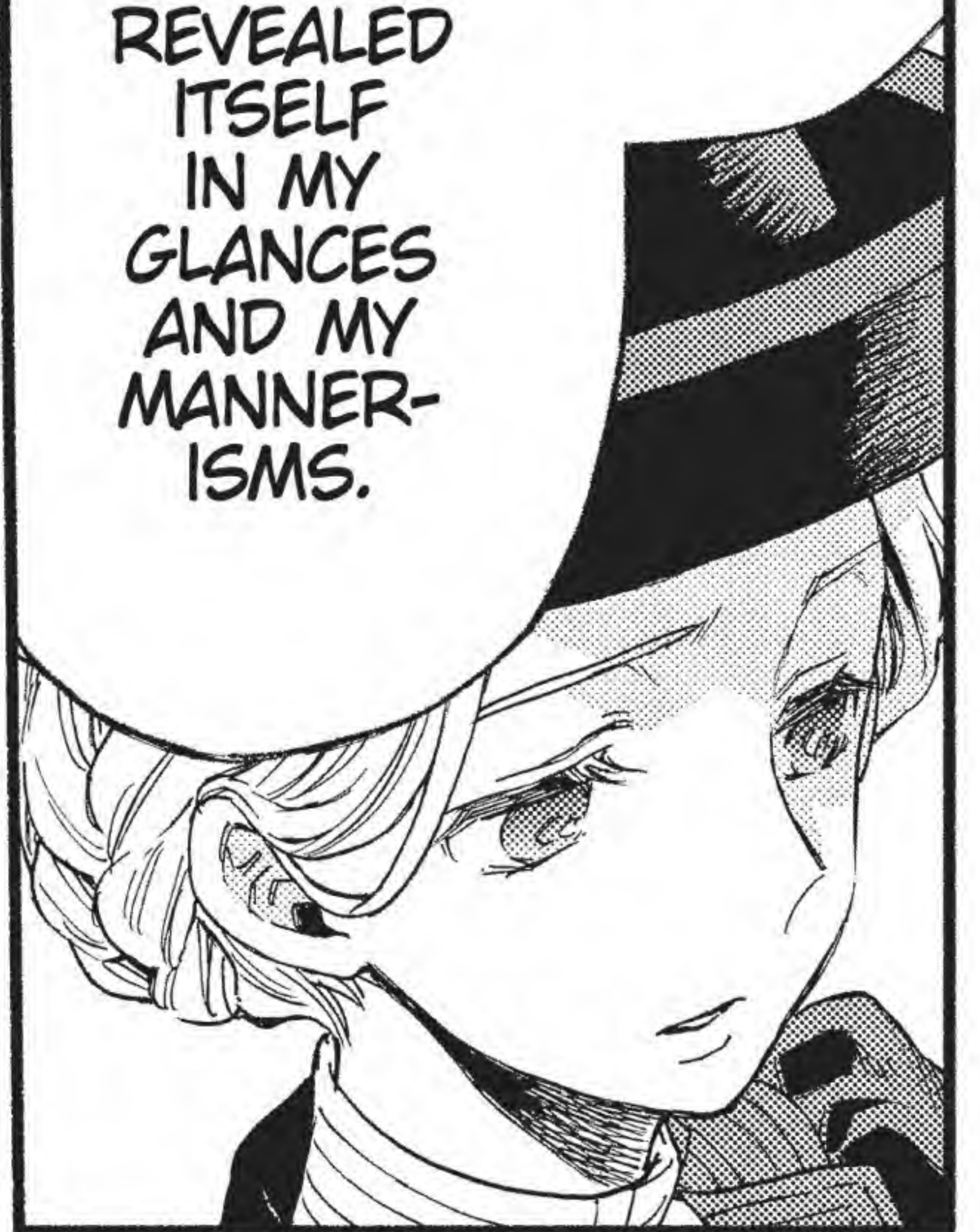




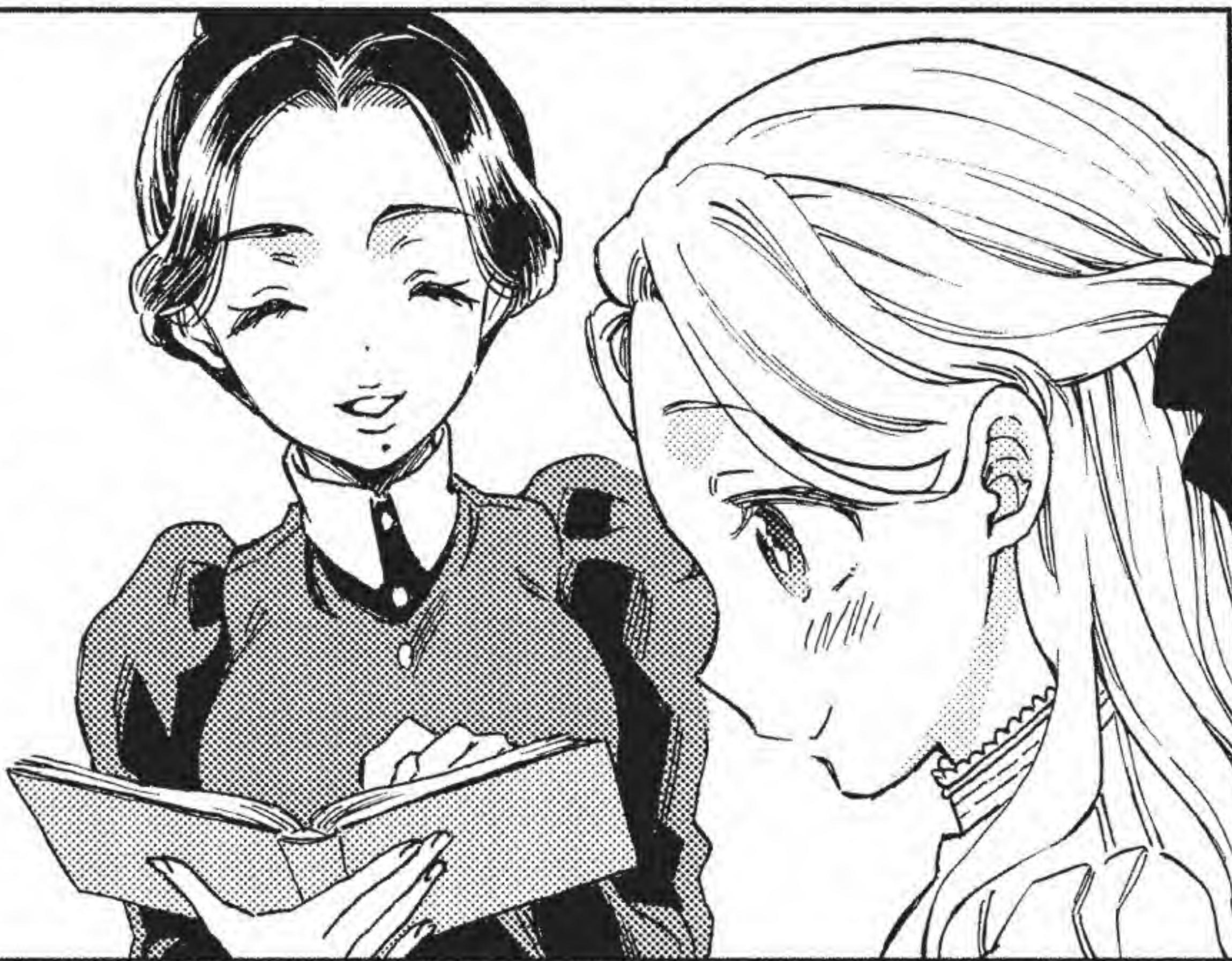
EVEN AFTER
THAT, OF
COURSE, WE
REMAINED NO
MORE THAN
STUDENT
AND
TEACHER...

I WAS
SO YOUNG
AND NAIVE.
I COULD
NOT
CONTROL
MY
FEELINGS.

TRY AS
I MIGHT,
MY LOVE
REVEALED
ITSELF
IN MY
GLANCES
AND MY
MANNER-
ISMS.

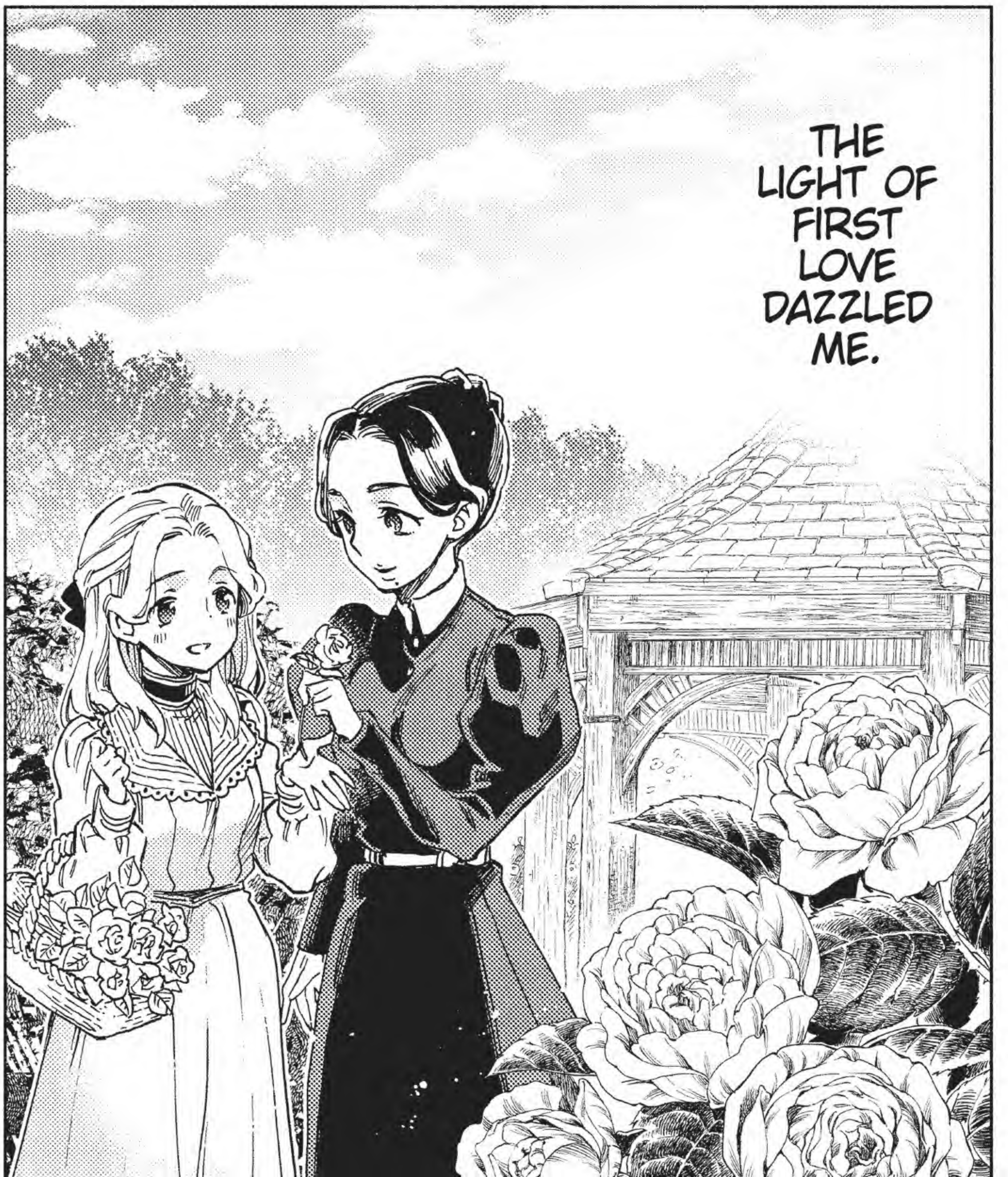


BUT I
WAS
BLISSFULLY
HAPPY.

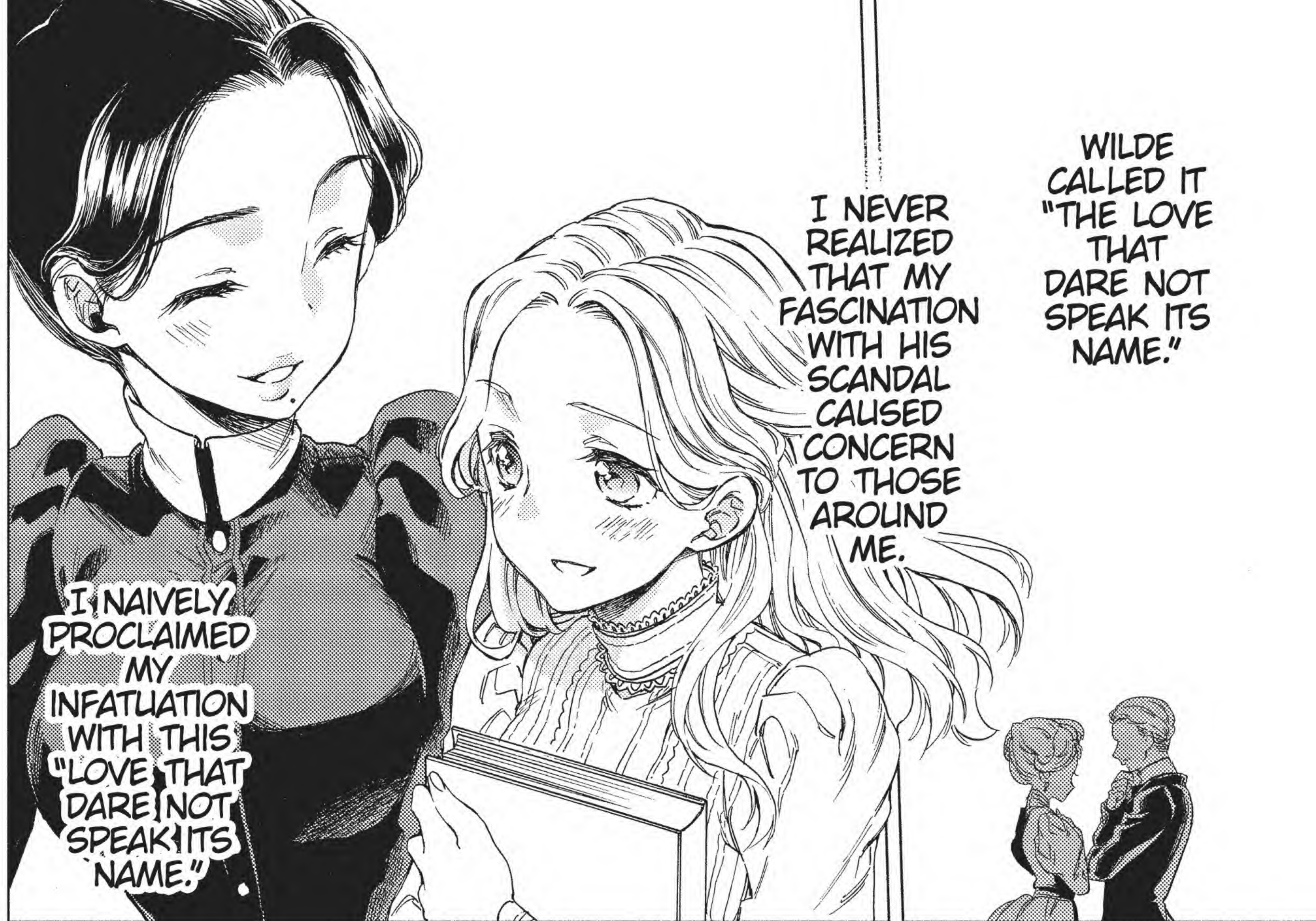


AND YET,
AT THE
SAME
TIME...

RUMORS
OF OSCAR
WILDE'S
TRIAL WERE
SPREADING.



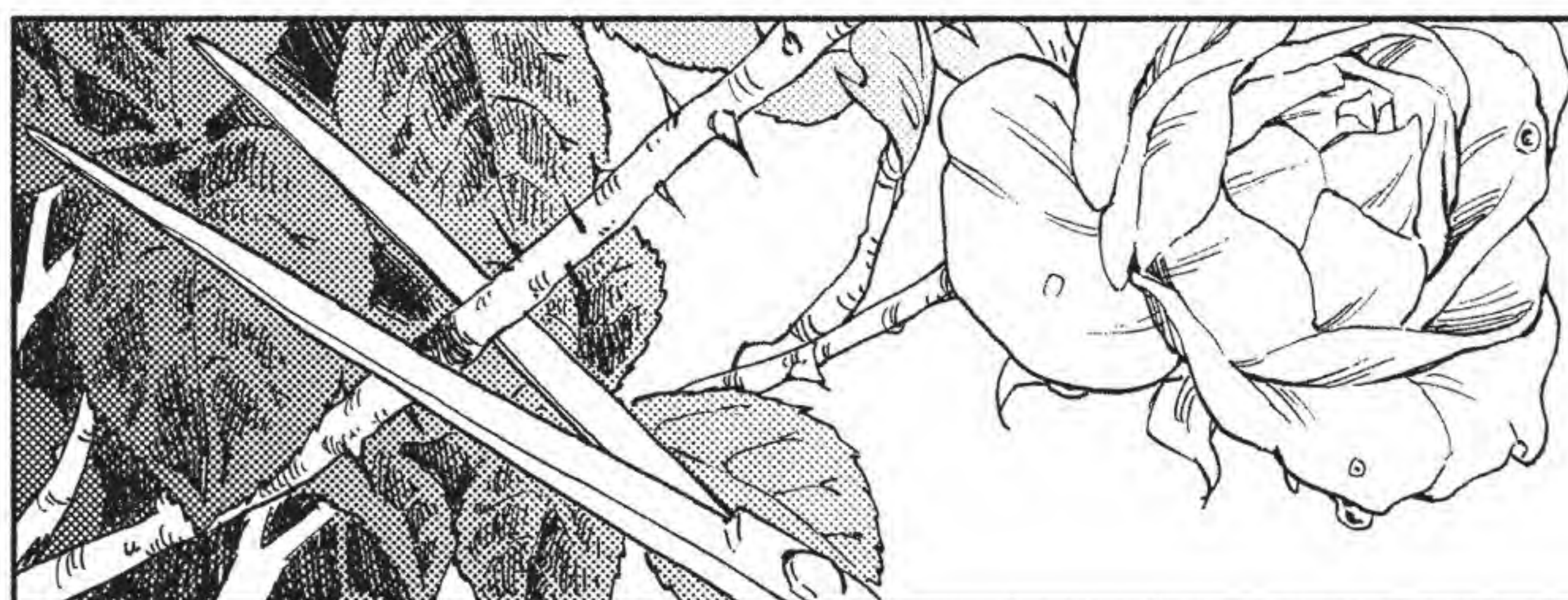
THE
LIGHT OF
FIRST
LOVE
DAZZLED
ME.



I NAIVELY
PROCLAIMED
MY
INFATUATION
WITH THIS
"LOVE THAT
DARE NOT
SPEAK ITS
NAME."

I NEVER
REALIZED
THAT MY
FASCINATION
WITH HIS
SCANDAL
CAUSED
CONCERN
TO THOSE
AROUND
ME.

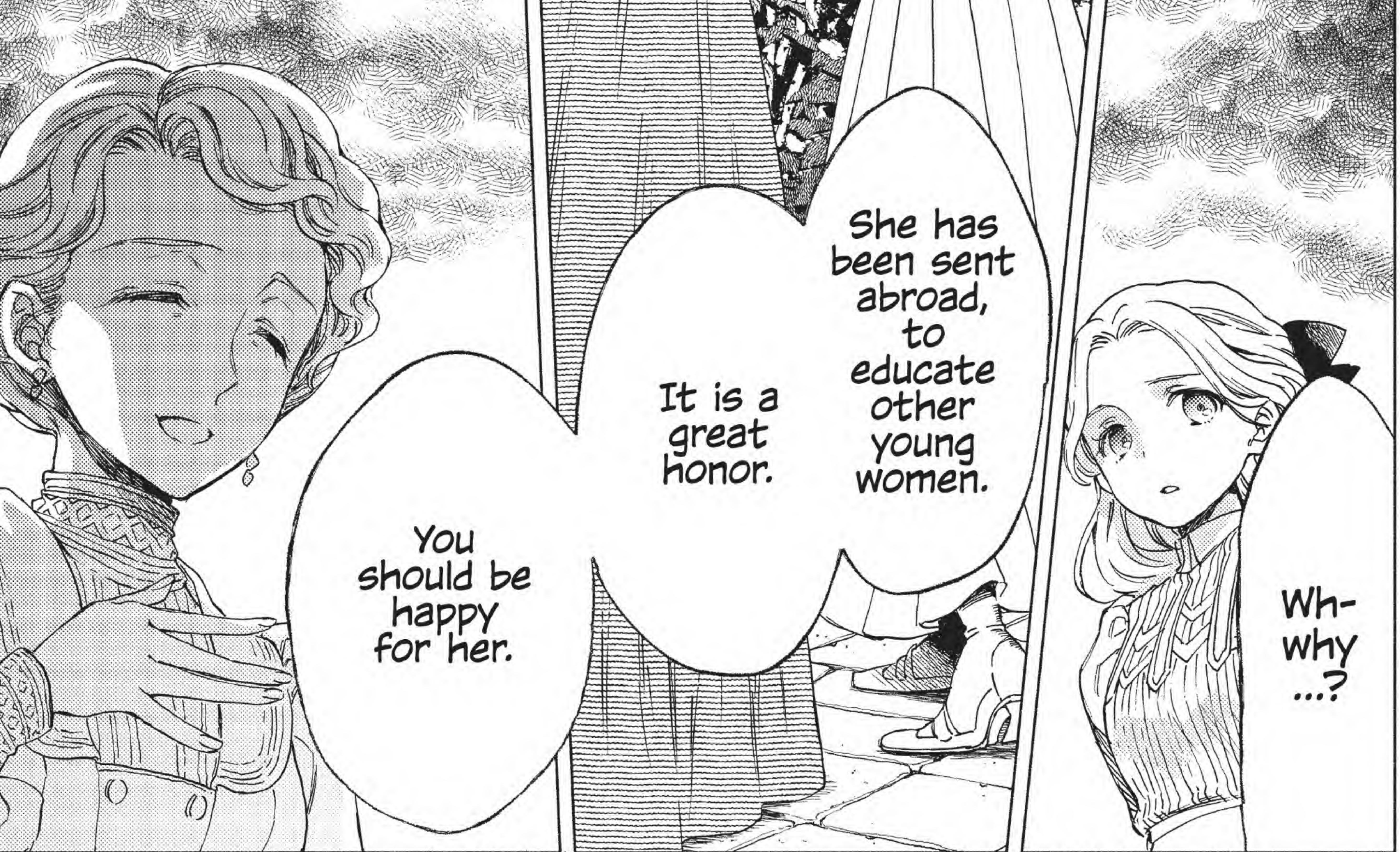
WILDE
CALLED IT
"THE LOVE
THAT
DARE NOT
SPEAK ITS
NAME."



AND THEN,
ONE DAY,
MY
MOTHER
CAME TO
ME.



Miss
McGovern
has
resigned.

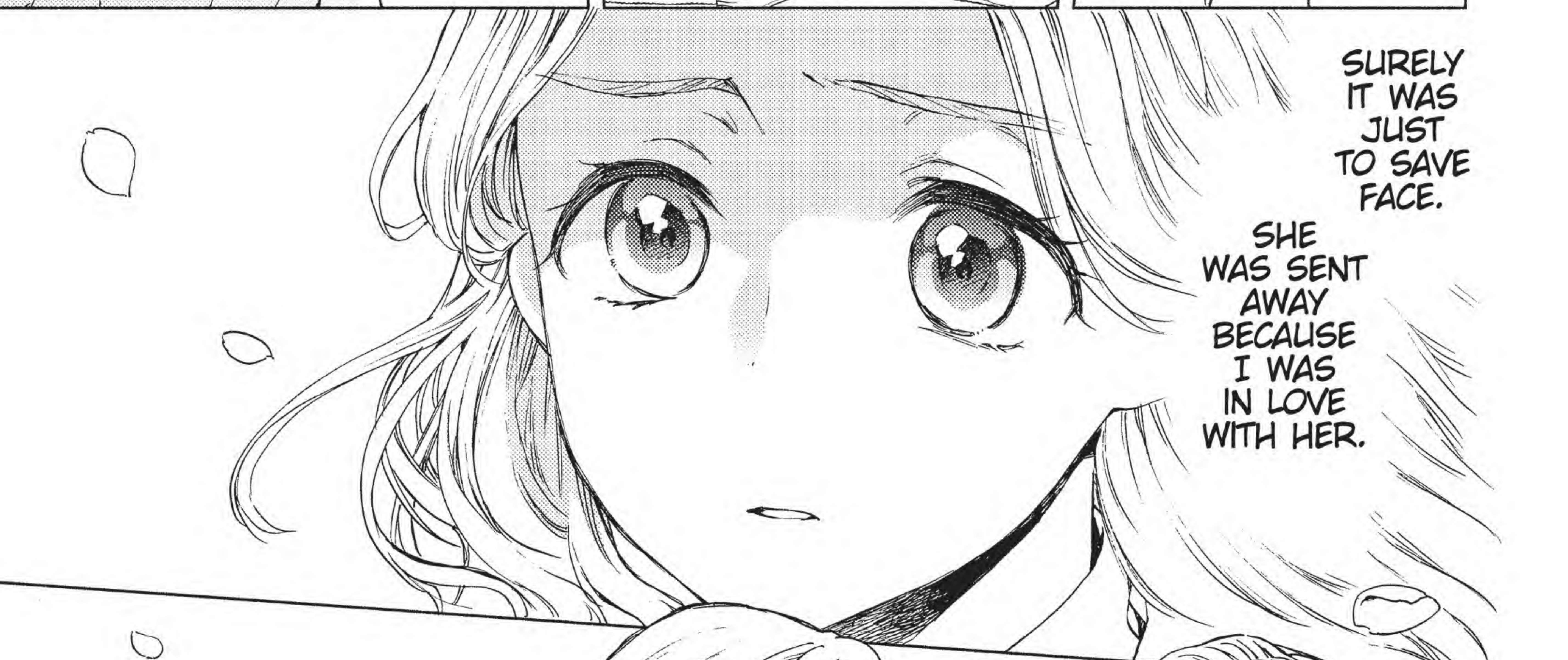


You
should be
happy
for her.

It is a
great
honor.

She has
been sent
abroad,
to
educate
other
young
women.

Wh-
why
...?

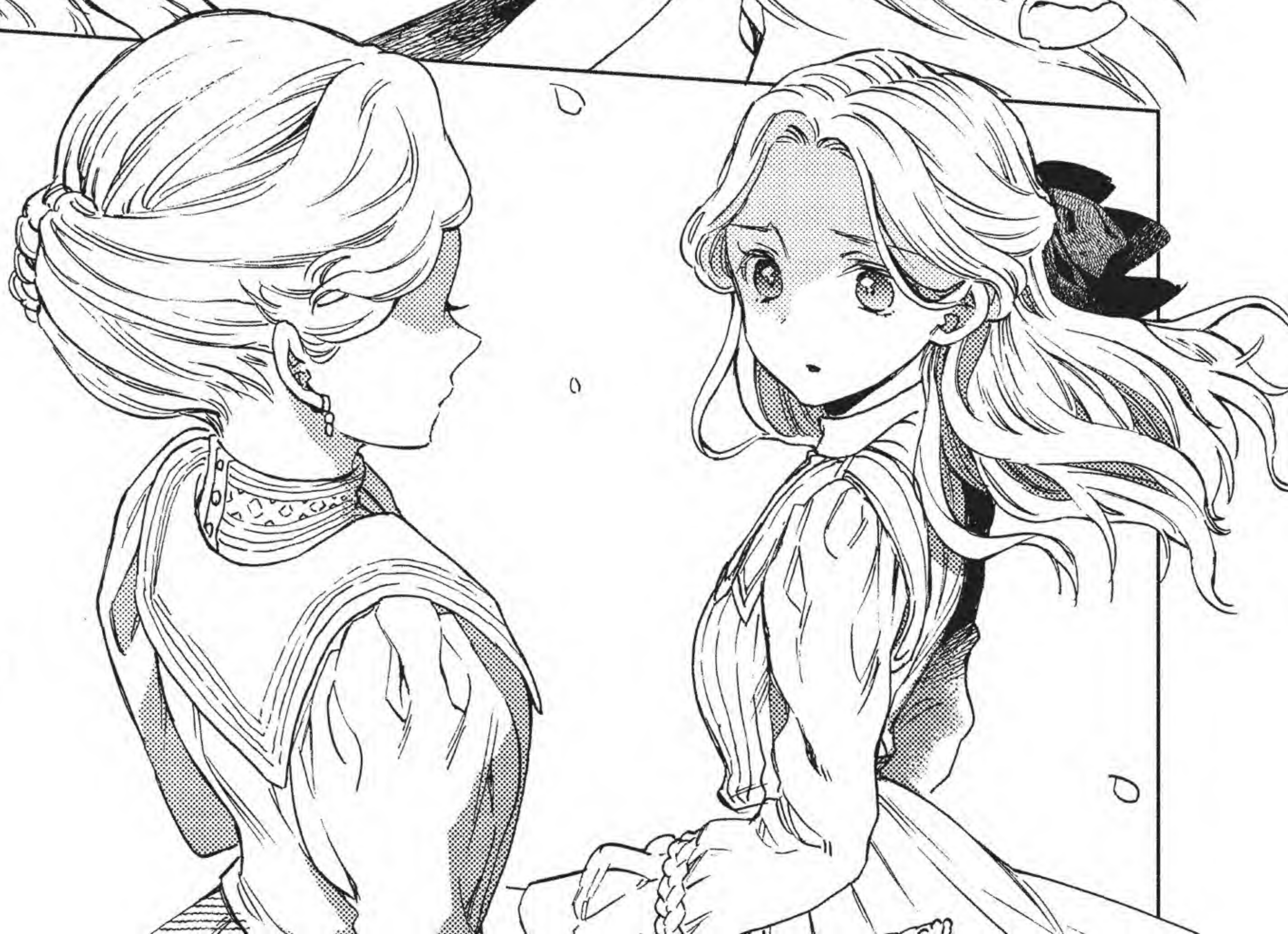


SURELY
IT WAS
JUST
TO SAVE
FACE.

SHE
WAS SENT
AWAY
BECAUSE
I WAS
IN LOVE
WITH HER.

EVEN
AS
NAIVE
AS I
WAS...

I COULD
SEE THE
SHADOW
OF GUILT
THAT
ECLIPSED
MY
MOTHER'S
FACE.



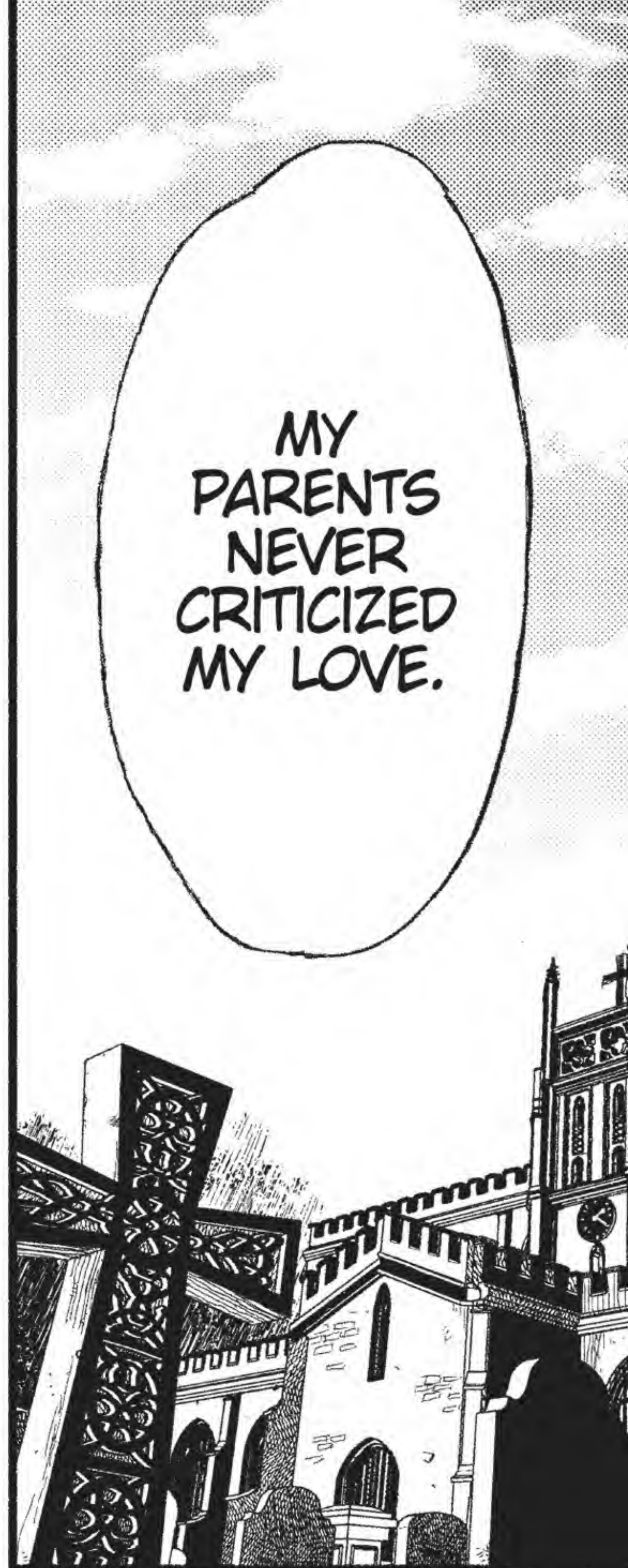


SO THEY
SEPARATED
US,
BEFORE
I GOT
HURT.



THEY
WANTED
TO
PROTECT
US BOTH
FROM
THE
SCANDAL...

BUT, AS
NOBILITY,
THEY
FELT WE
NEEDED
TO
PRESERVE
OUR
IMAGE.



MY
PARENTS
NEVER
CRITICIZED
MY LOVE.



THE
PERFECT
DAUGHTER
OF A
NOBLEMAN.

I WAS A
FOOL TO
THINK
I COULD
ESCAPE
THE ROLE
I WAS
MEANT
TO PLAY.



I WAS
WRONG.



IT WAS MY FAULT!

EVEN THOUGH I PROMISED I WOULD ALWAYS BE AT HER SIDE...

EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HER SHE WOULD NEVER BE ALONE...

SHE WAS EXILED TO SOME PLACE FAR BEYOND THE SEA.



I SHOULD BE PLEASED...

BA-DMP

I SHOULD BE PLEASED, THAT SHE TRUSTED ME ENOUGH...

TO OPEN UP HER HEART.

LADY ALICE...

BA-DMP

BA-DMP



I COULD
NOT
BEAR TO
LIVE WITH
MYSELF.



I ASKED
YOU TO
KILL
ME...

BECAUSE
I HURT
THE ONE
I LOVED.

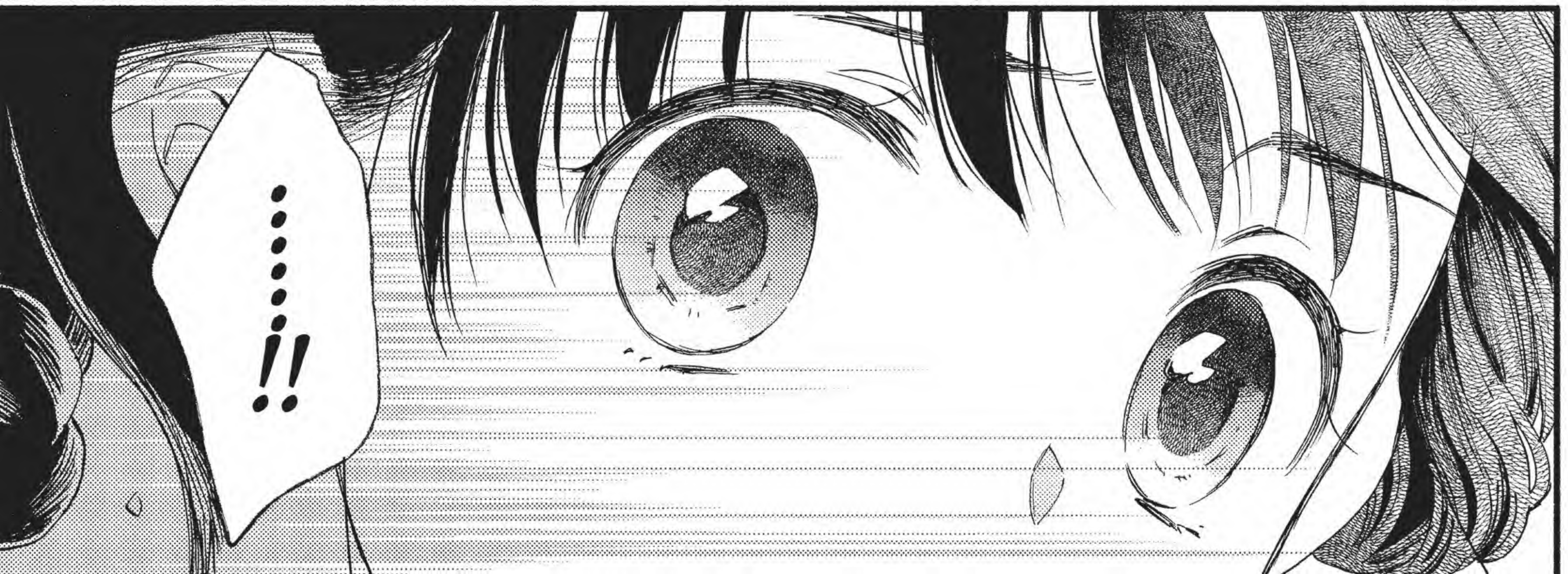
I WAS
ALLOWED
TO
CONTINUE
MY HALCYON
EXISTENCE,
WHILE SHE
WAS CAST
OUT.



BUT EVEN
THAT WAS
A SELFISH
DESIRE...



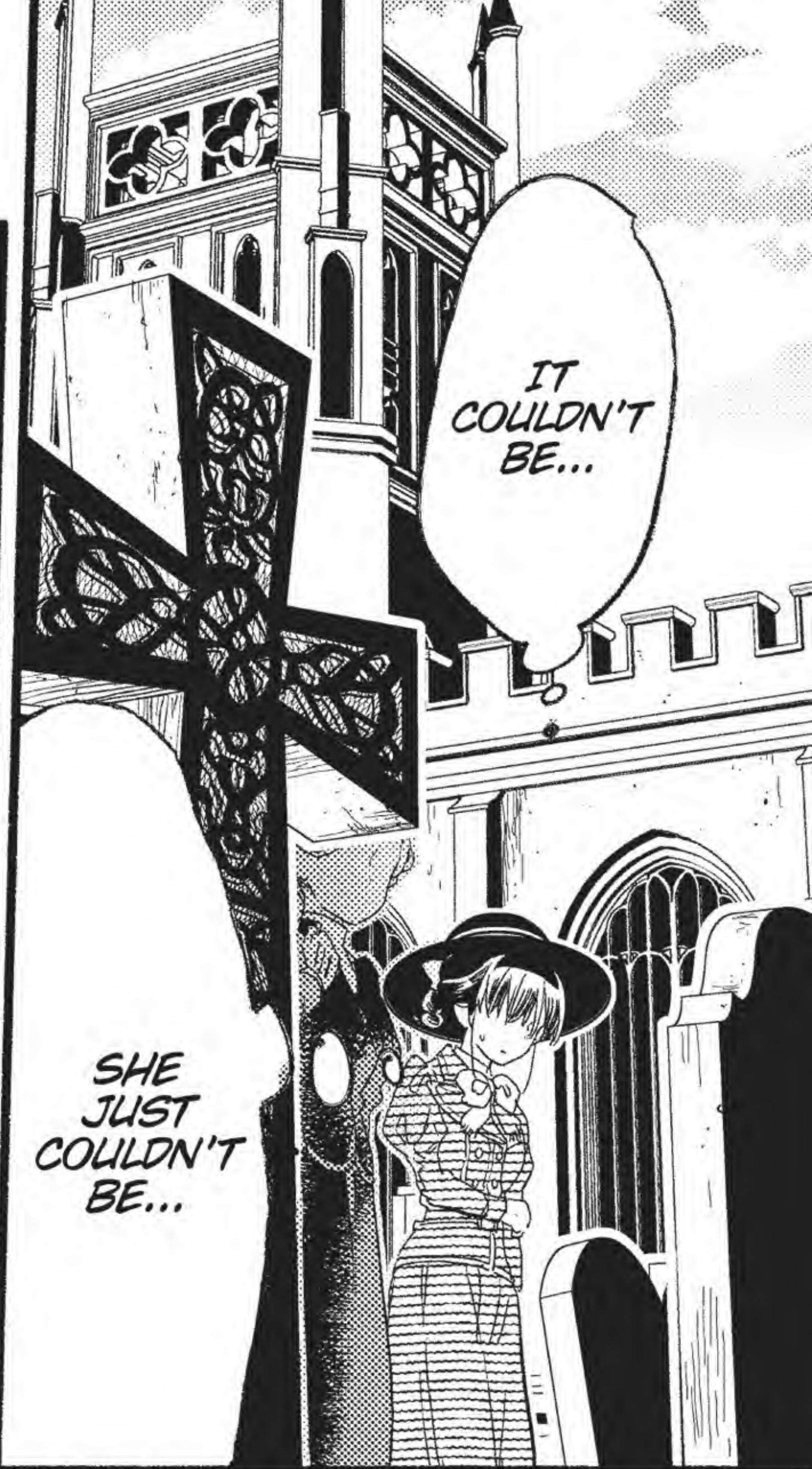
I
BELIEVED
DEATH
WOULD
ABSOLVE
ME OF
MY SINS.





I
APPROACHED
YOU AFTER
LEARNING
YOU HAD
COME FROM
JAPAN...

BECAUSE I
BELIEVED SHE
DISPATCHED
YOU TO
DELIVER HER
PUNISHMENT.



IT
COULDN'T
BE...

SHE
JUST
COULDN'T
BE...



I AM
NOT AS
KIND
AS YOU
THOUGHT.



HOW
MYSTERIOUS
THE WHIMS
OF LIFE.

I NEVER
IMAGINED
WE WOULD
BECOME
FRIENDS.

AND
YET...



LET US
GO HOME,
BEFORE
WE CATCH
OUR
DEATH.

I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY
FOR
KEEPING
YOU OUT
FOR SO
LONG.



COULD
THE
PERSON
SHE
LOVED...

HAVE
BEEN...



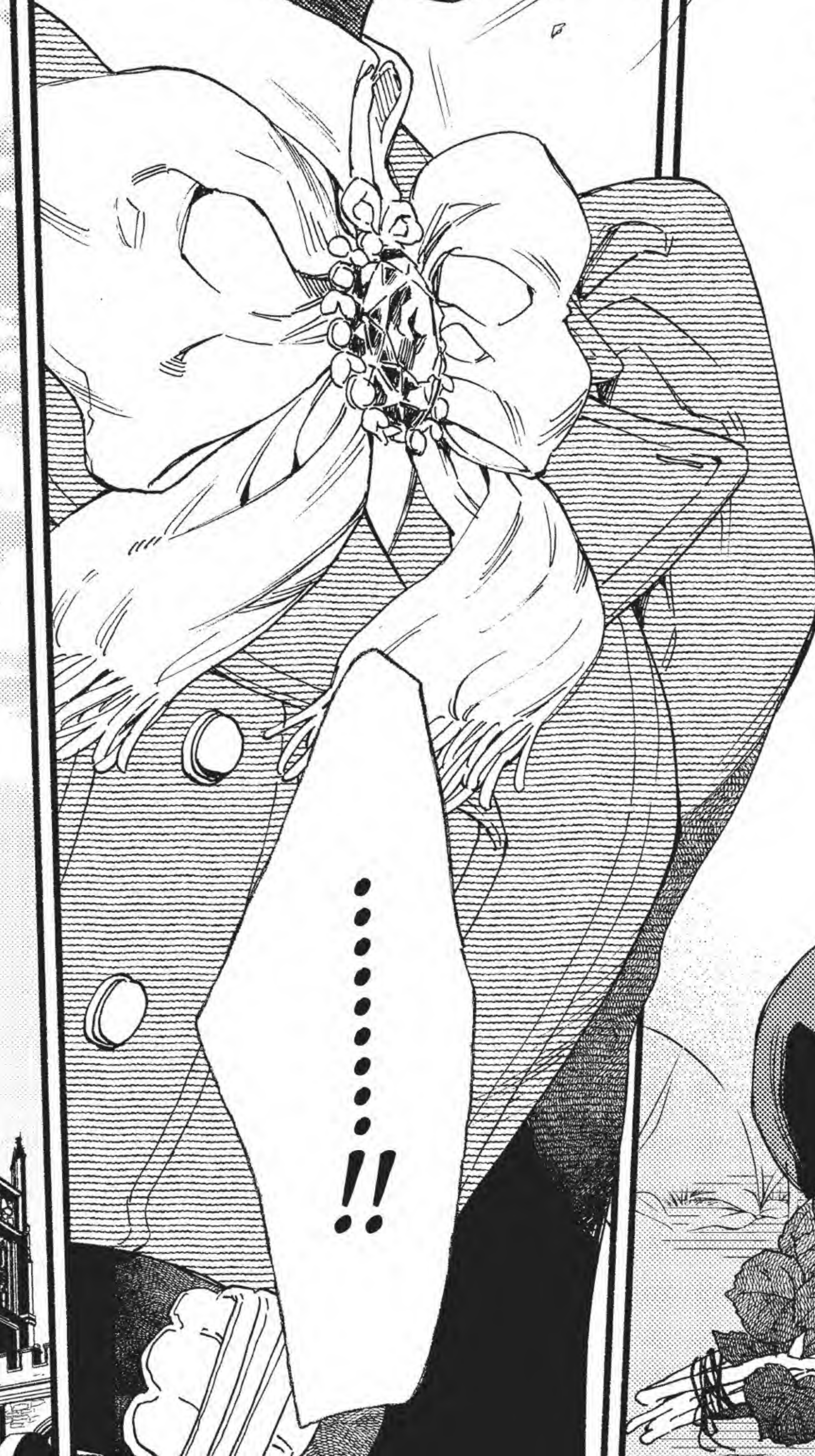
MRS.
McGOVERN
...

I WILL
RETURN
AGAIN.





PLEASE
WATCH
OVER
DEAR
ELIZA.



Honoko,
All the best
for your future,
Eliza McGovern

Honoko,
All the best
for your future,
McGovern

EVEN
KNOWING
HER
FEELINGS
WERE SO
STRONG
THAT SHE
WANTED
TO DIE.

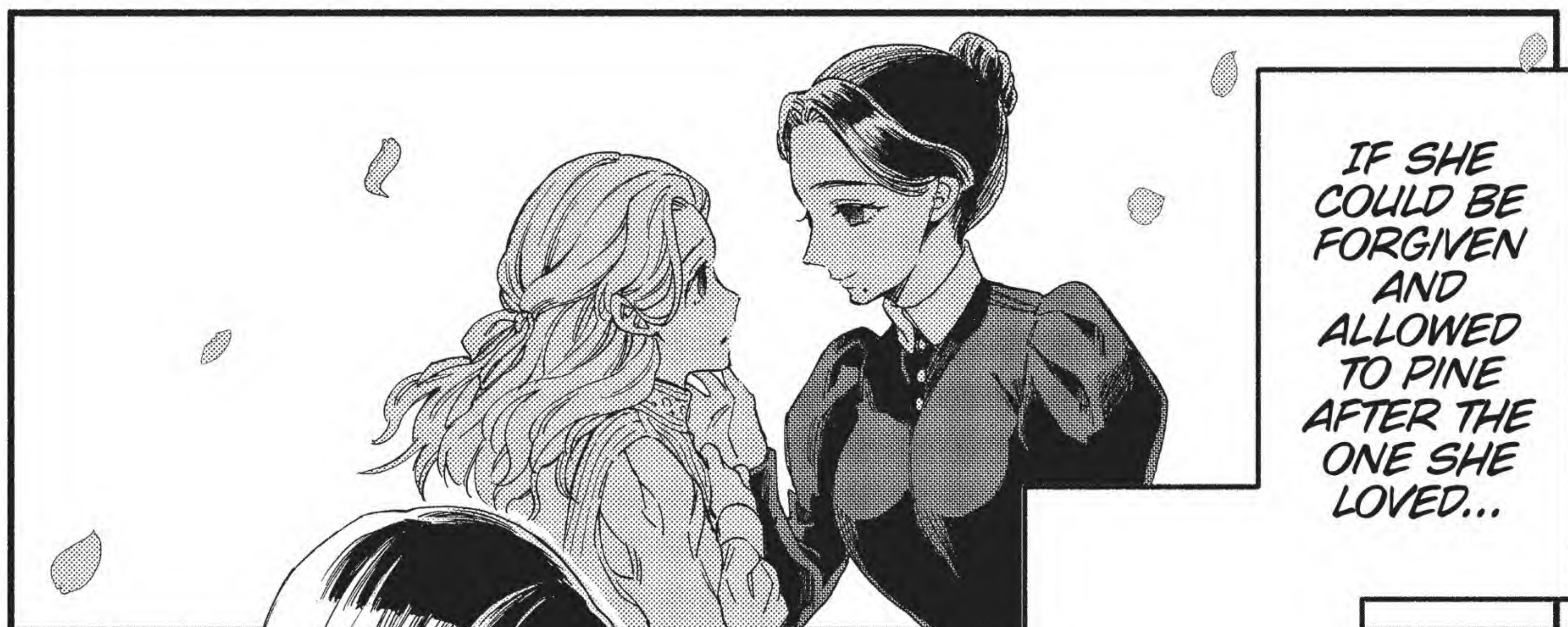
EVEN
THOUGH
IT WOULD
HAVE
BEEN THE
RIGHT
THING
TO DO...

I
COULDN'T
TELL HER
THAT I
KNOW
WHERE
MISS
ELIZA
WENT...

THEN I AM
CERTAIN
SHE STILL
CARES.

IF IT
WAS
HER...

IF THE
WOMAN
LADY ALICE
KNEW
REALLY IS
MISS ELIZA,
THEN I
KNOW MISS
ELIZA
WOULD
FORGIVE
HER.





BUT
THESE
HIDEOUS
FEELINGS
THAT
SMOLDER
WITHIN
ME...

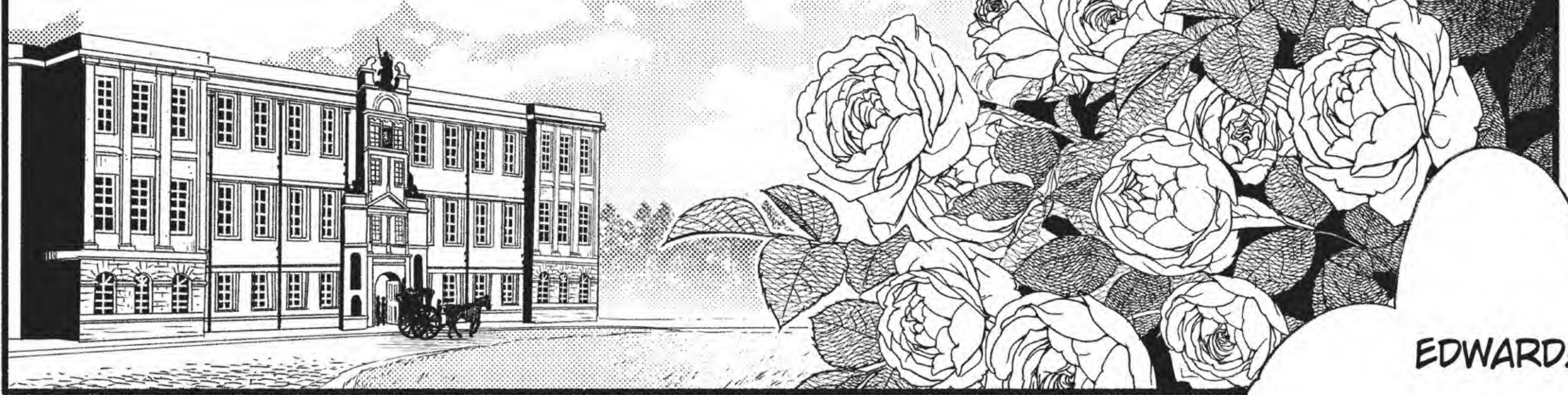
FEEL
NOTHING
LIKE
FRIEND-
SHIP.

COULD
THEY
BE...?

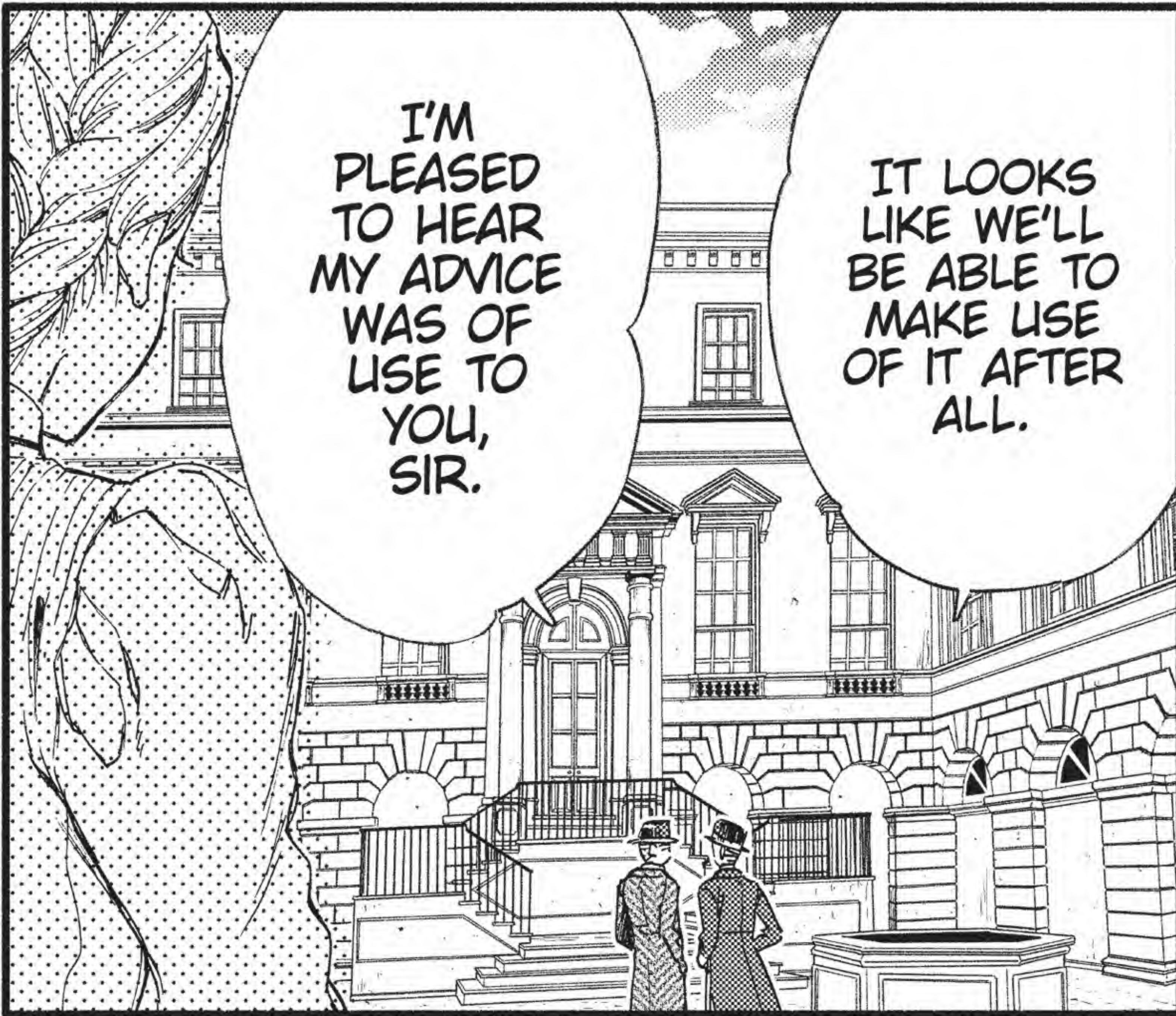


Goodbye,
my Rose Garden



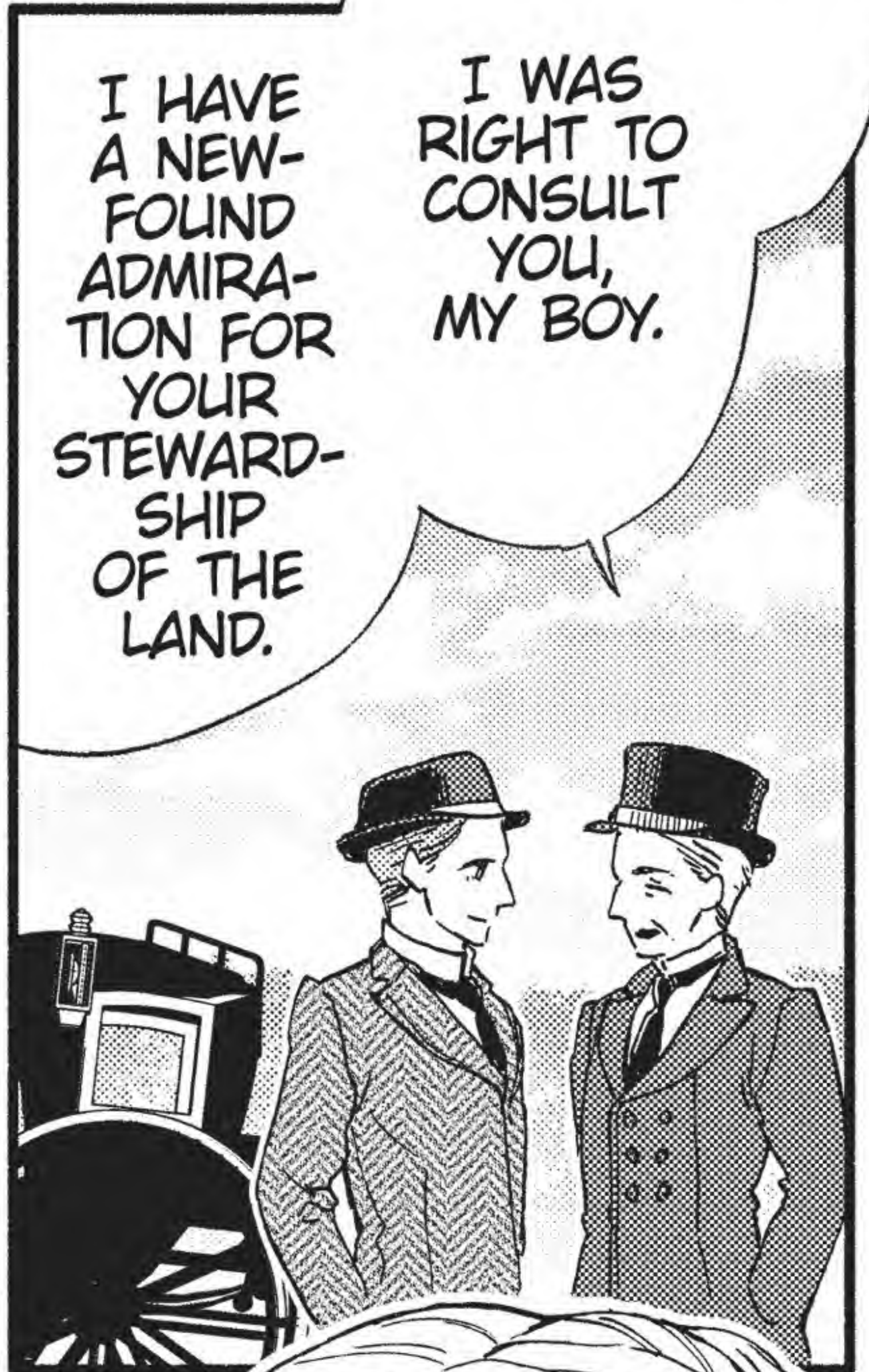


EDWARD!



I'M
PLEASED
TO HEAR
MY ADVICE
WAS OF
USE TO
YOU,
SIR.

IT LOOKS
LIKE WE'LL
BE ABLE TO
MAKE USE
OF IT AFTER
ALL.



I HAVE
A NEW-
FOUND
ADMIRA-
TION FOR
YOUR
STEWARD-
SHIP
OF THE
LAND.

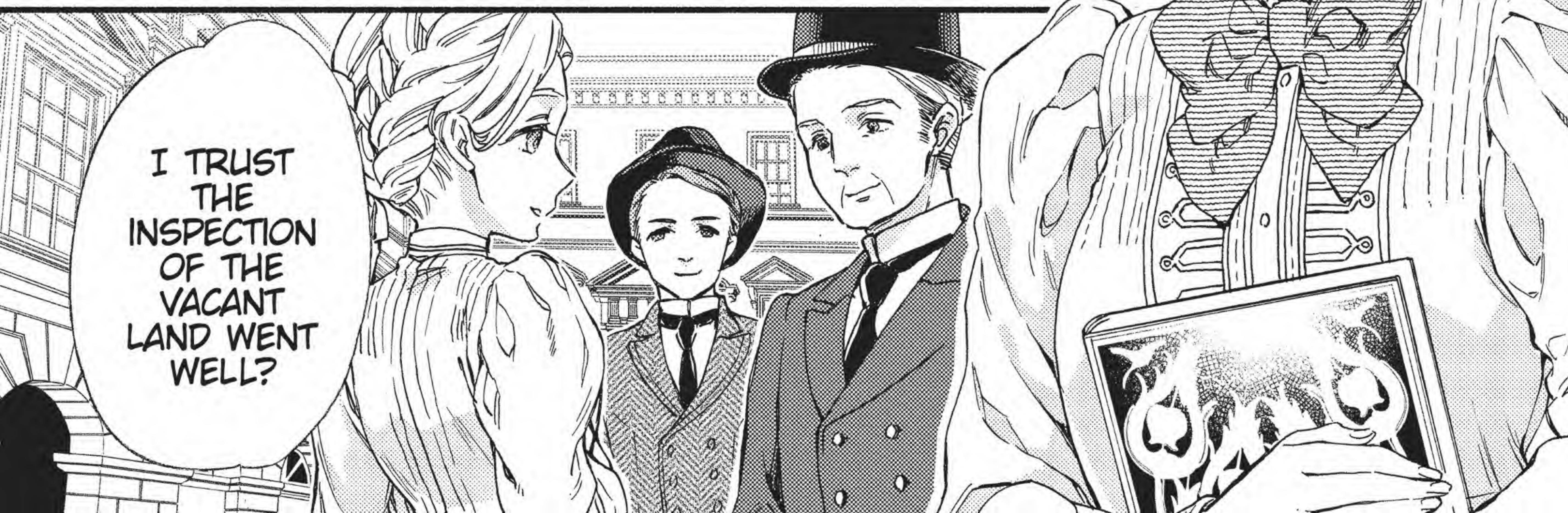
I WAS
RIGHT TO
CONSULT
YOU,
MY BOY.



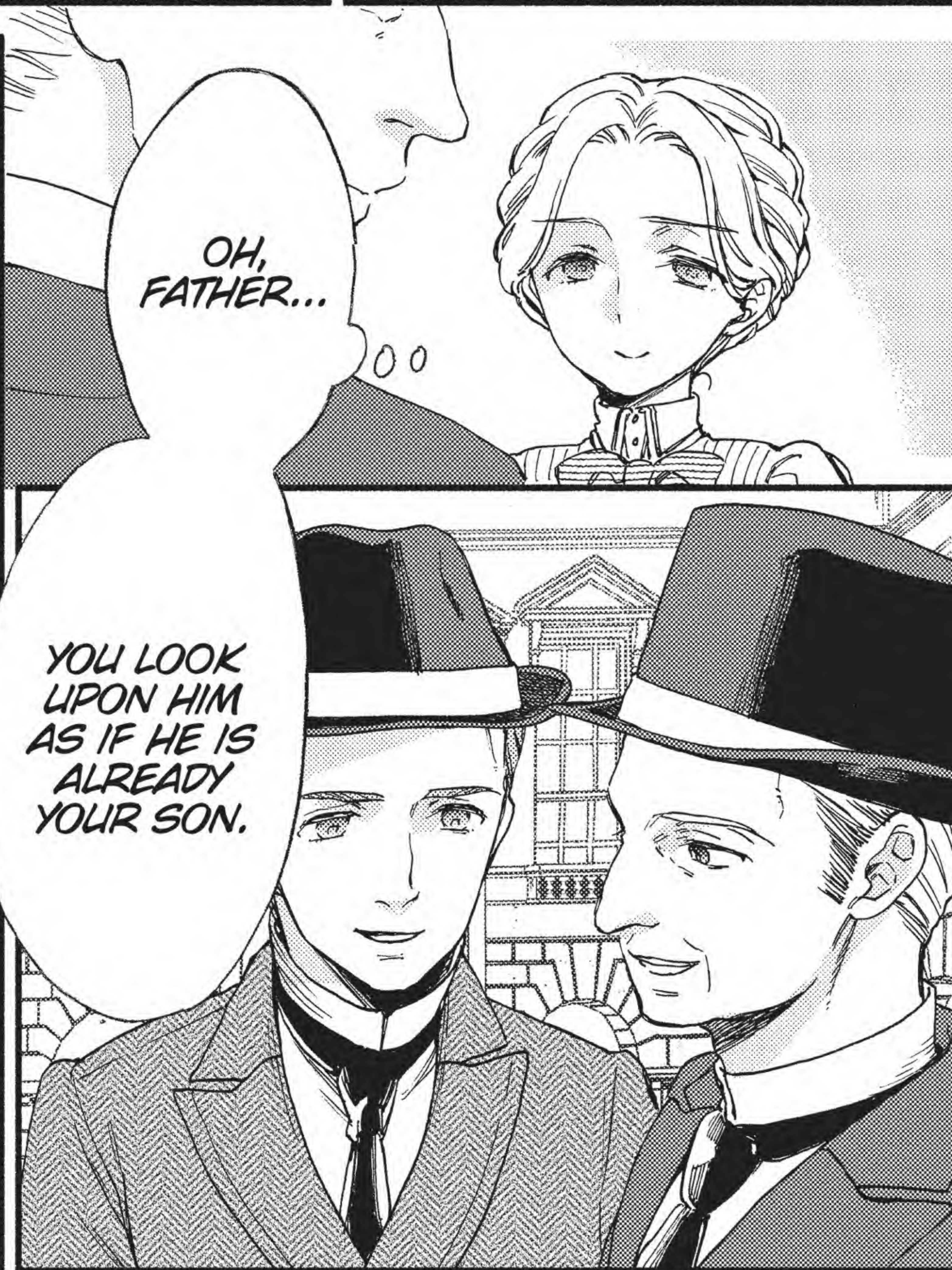
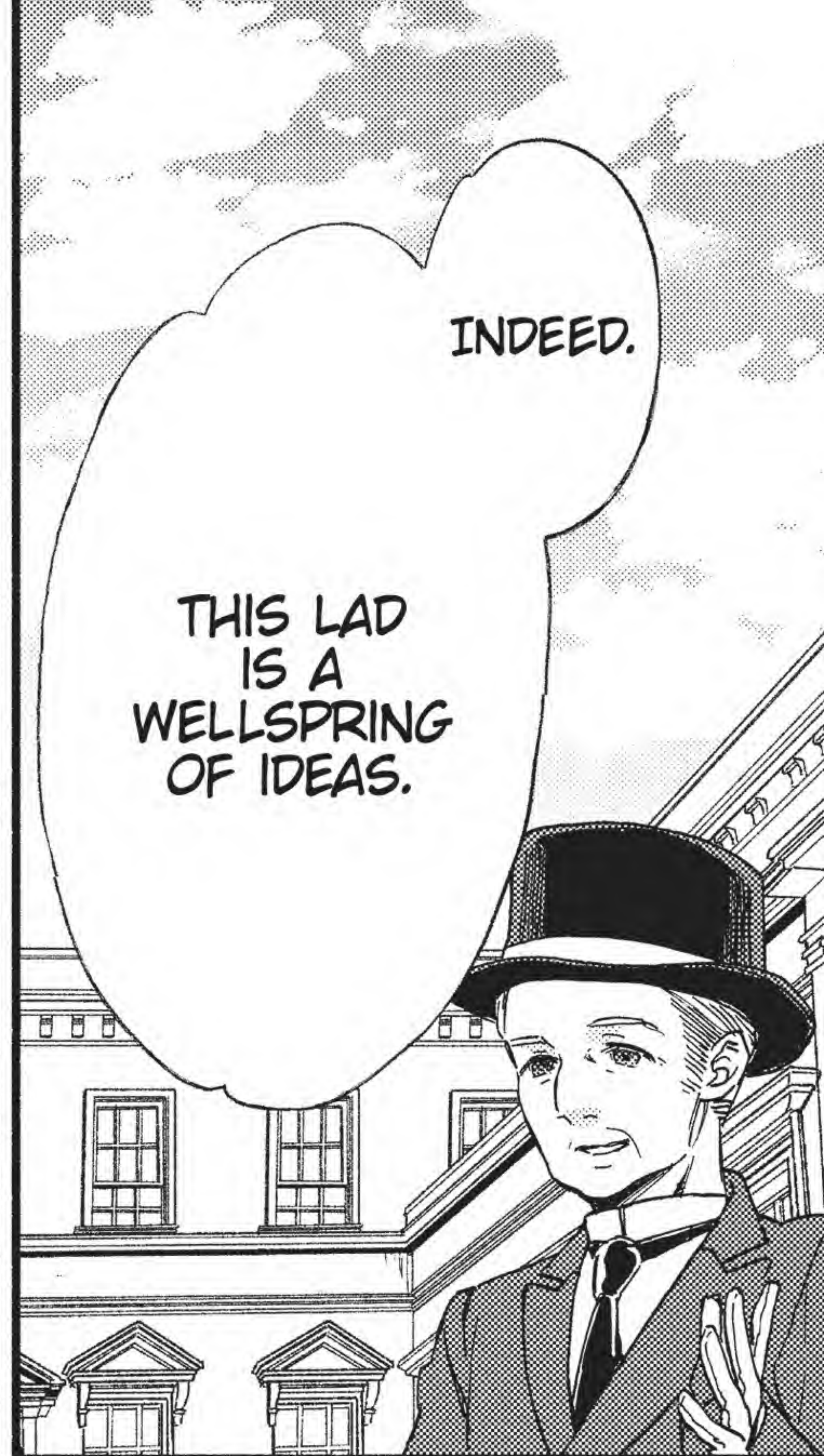
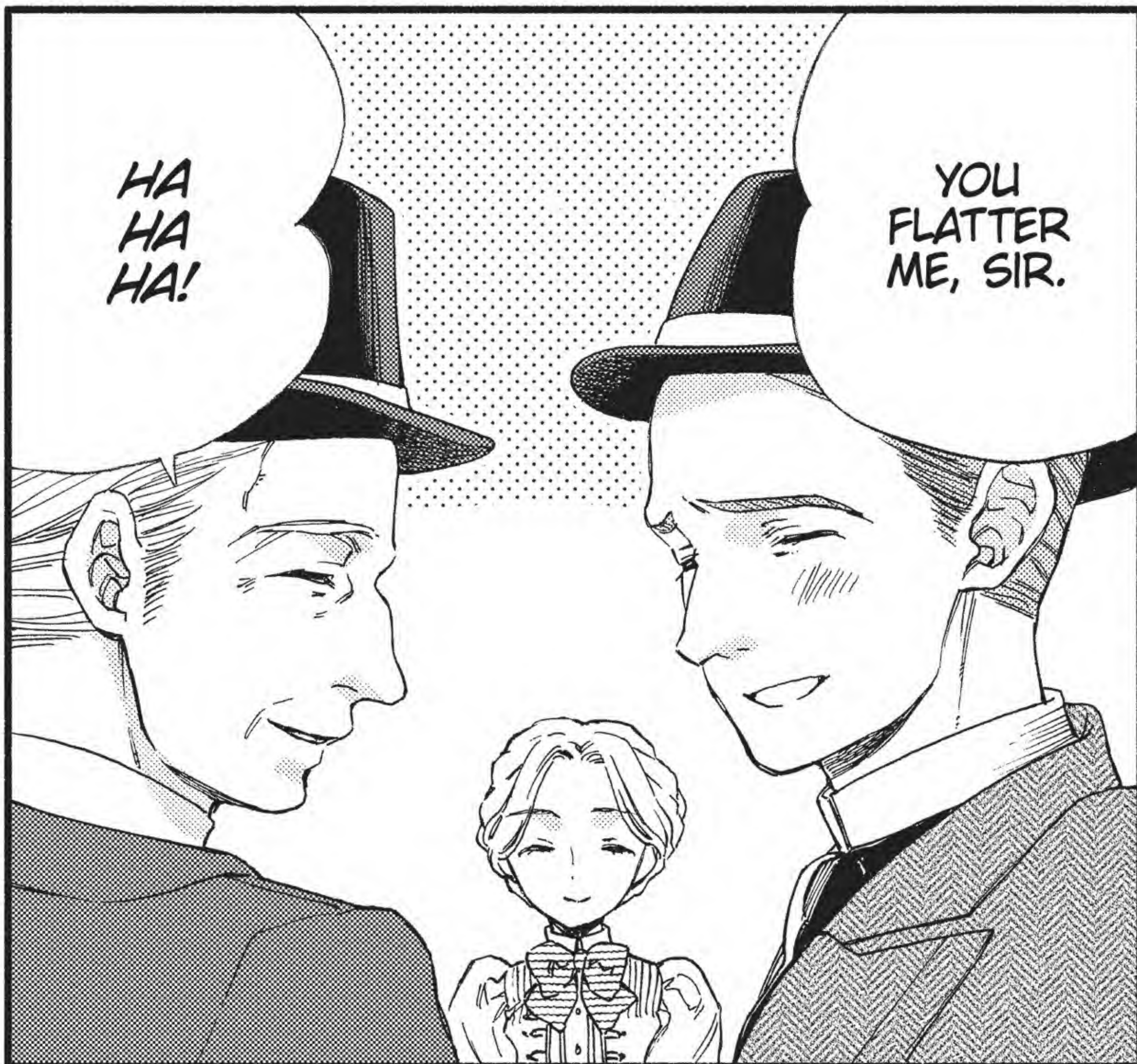
WELCOME
HOME,
FATHER!

EDWARD...

AH,
ALICE.



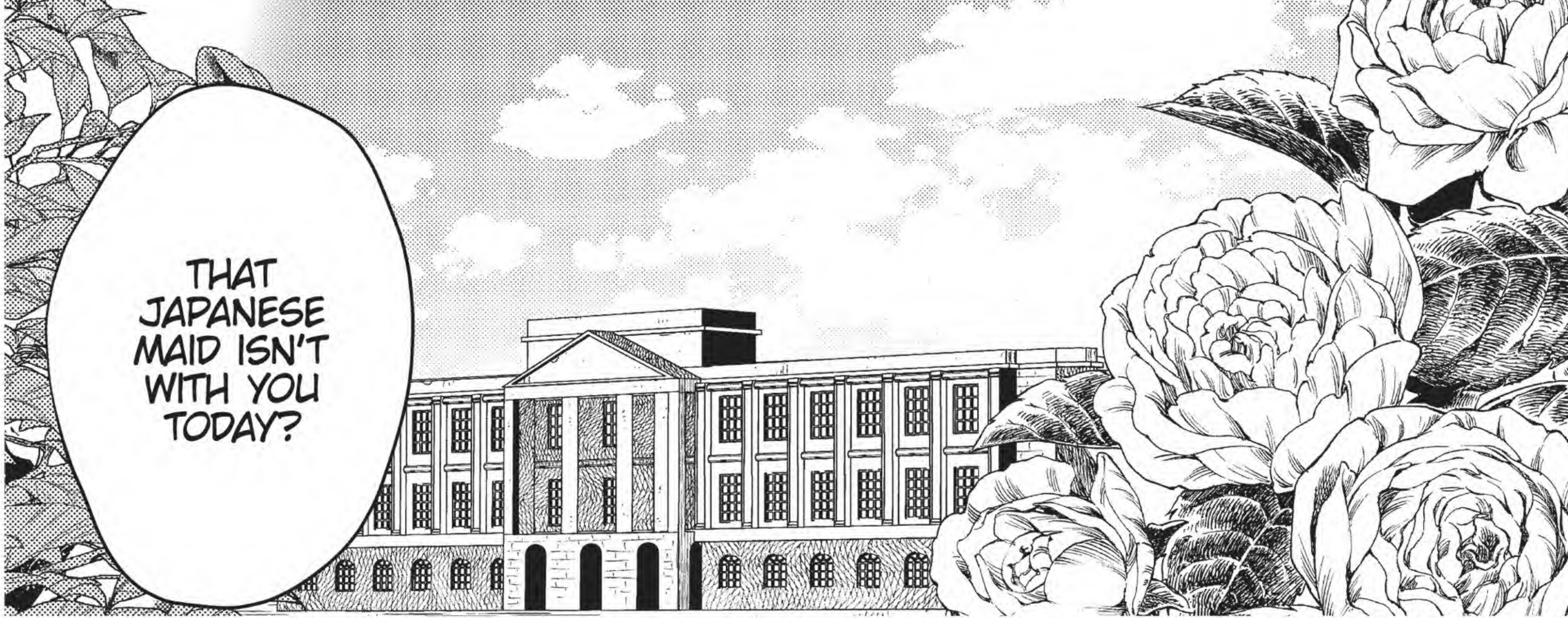
I TRUST
THE
INSPECTION
OF THE
VACANT
LAND WENT
WELL?



{ Chapter 7 }

The Shadow Eclipsing the Sun

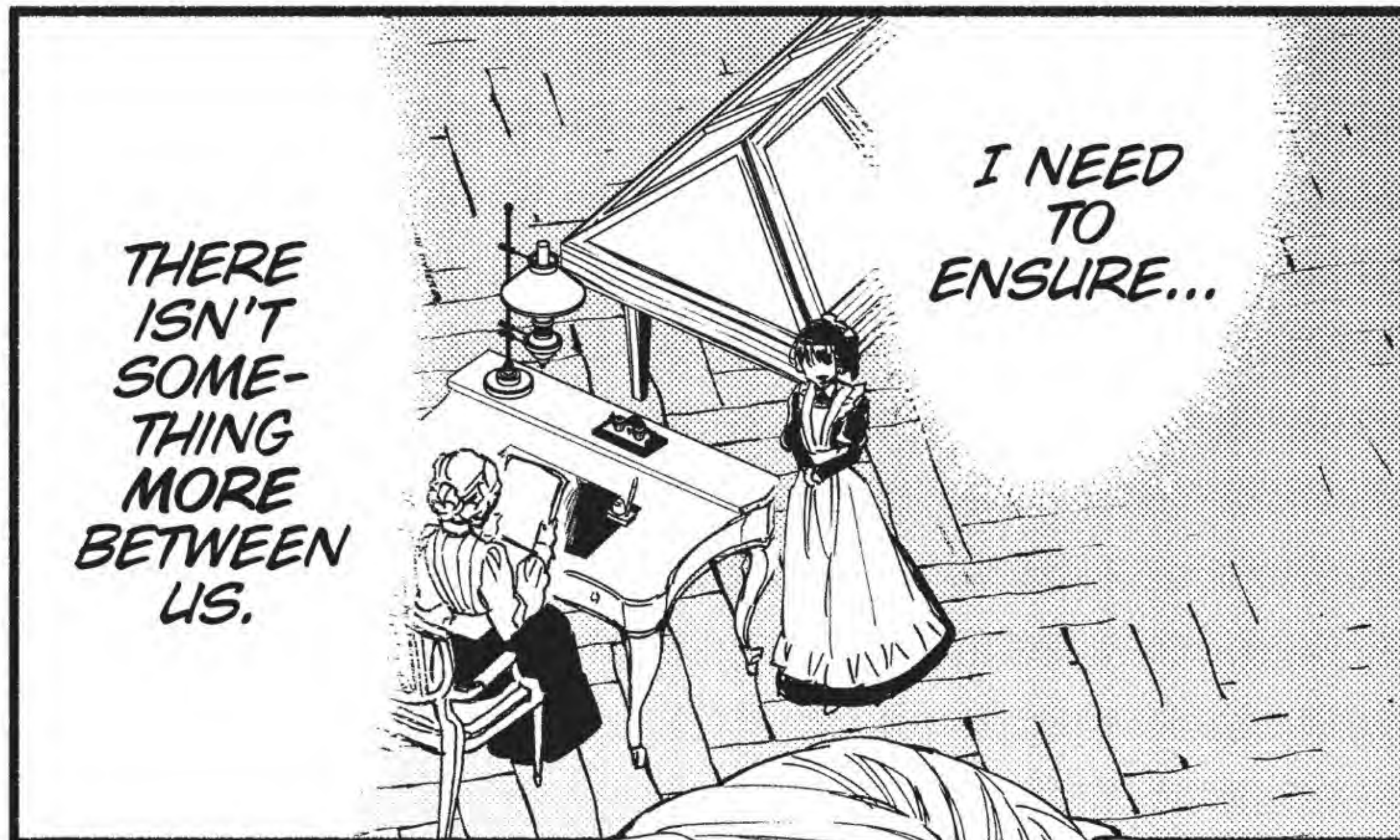




THAT
JAPANESE
MAID ISN'T
WITH YOU
TODAY?



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
FOND OF
THE GIRL.

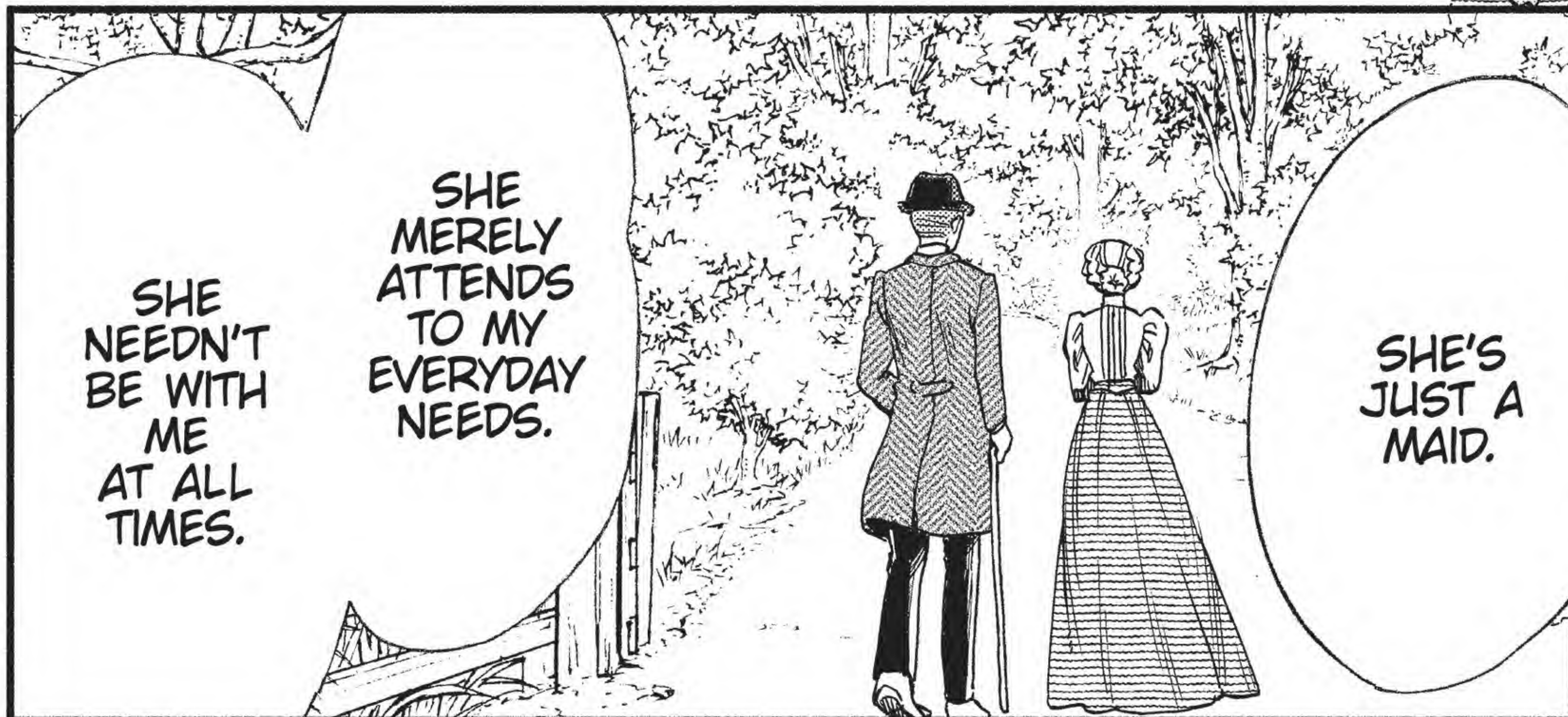


THERE
ISN'T
SOME-
THING
MORE
BETWEEN
US.

I NEED
TO
ENSURE...



WHY
DO YOU
ASK...?



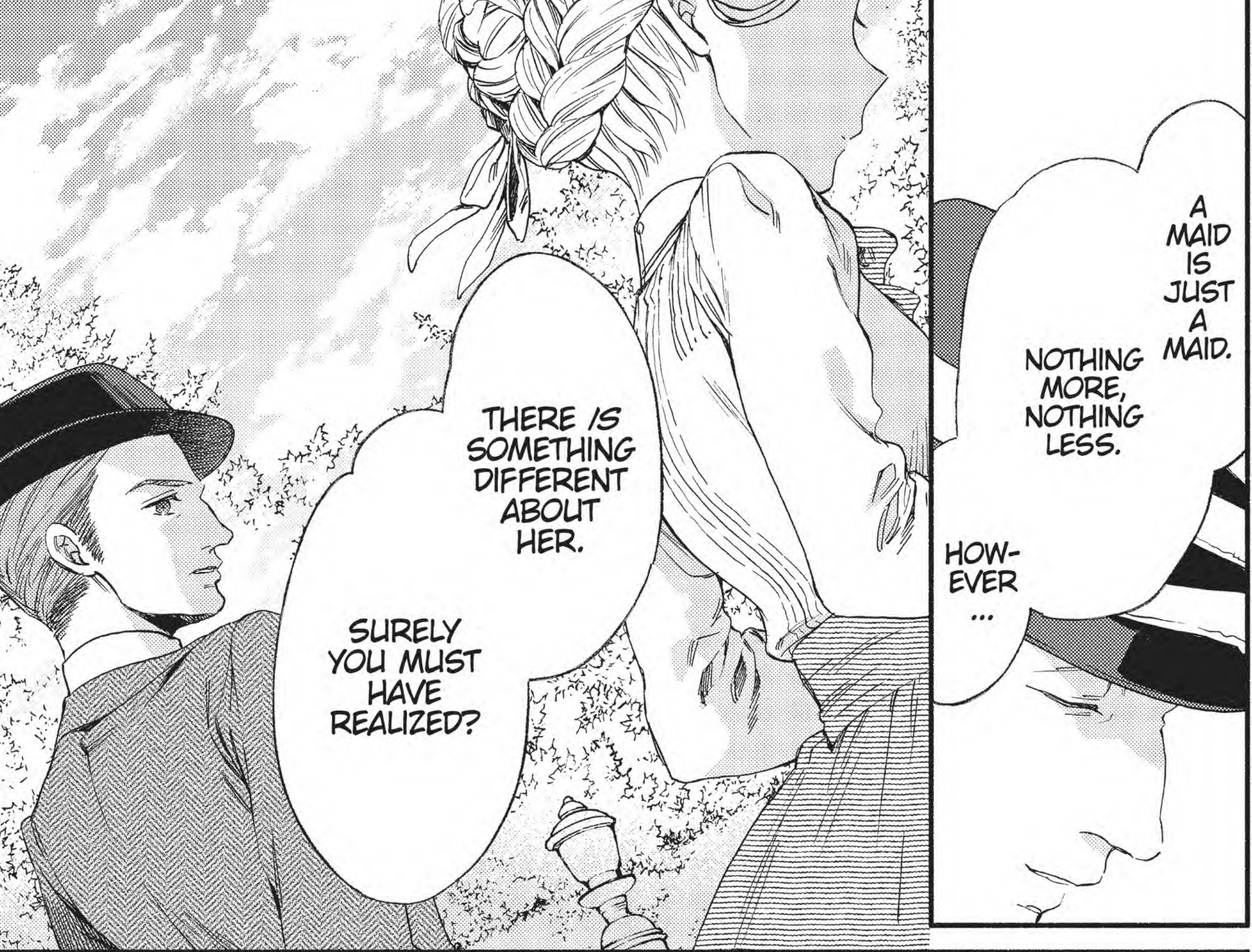
SHE
NEEDN'T
BE WITH
ME
AT ALL
TIMES.

SHE
MERELY
ATTENDS
TO MY
EVERYDAY
NEEDS.

SHE'S
JUST A
MAID.

NOT
PAR-
TICU-
LARLY.

ME
WILDE



THERE IS
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
ABOUT
HER.

SURELY
YOU MUST
HAVE
REALIZED?

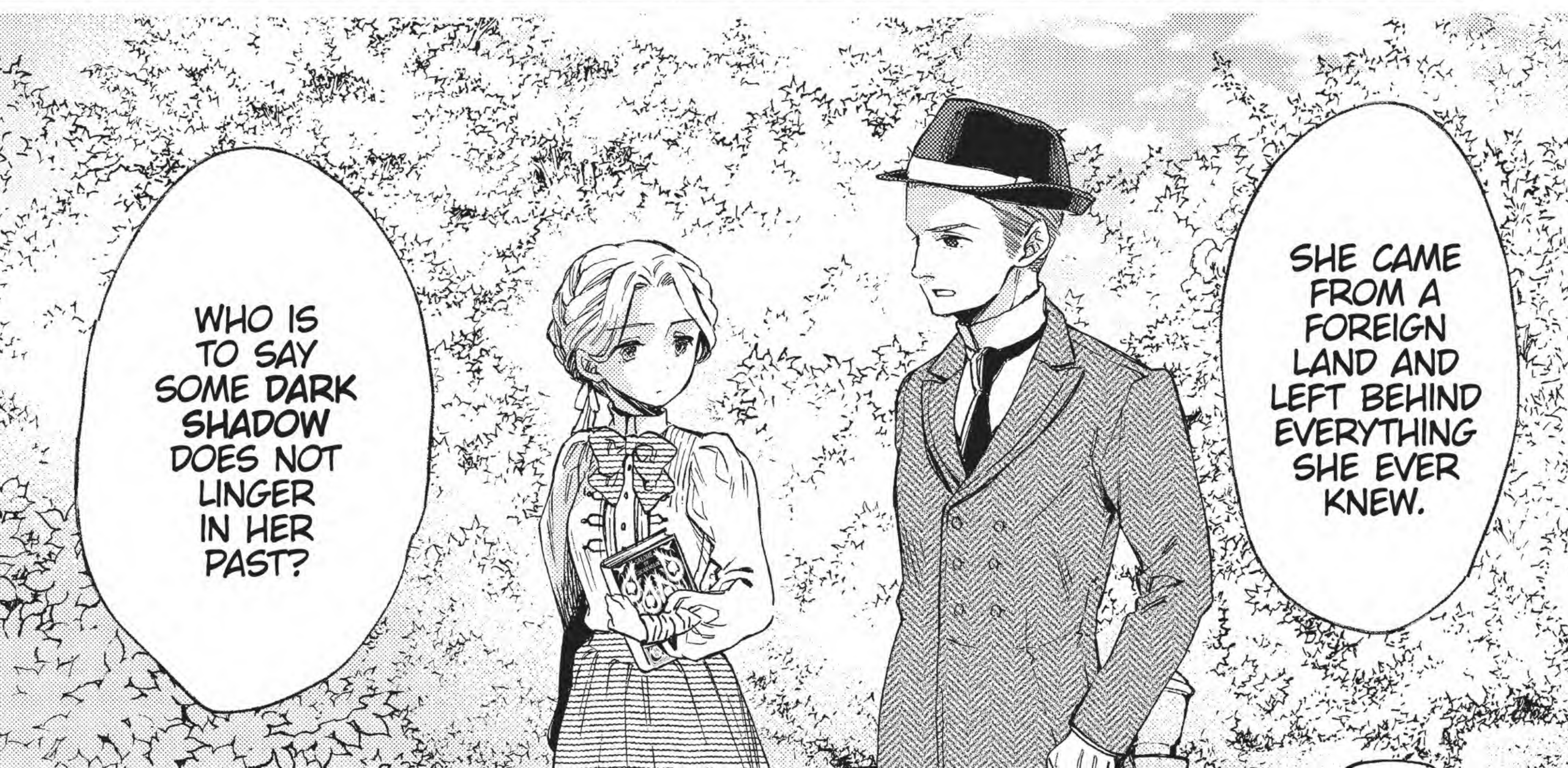
A
MAID
IS
JUST
A
MAID.

NOTHING
MORE,
NOTHING
LESS.

HOW-
EVER
...



WHAT
IS IT
THAT YOU
WANT TO
SAY?



WHO IS
TO SAY
SOME DARK
SHADOW
DOES NOT
LINGER
IN HER
PAST?

SHE CAME
FROM A
FOREIGN
LAND AND
LEFT BEHIND
EVERYTHING
SHE EVER
KNEW.



I NEVER
KNEW YOU
WERE SO
AMUSING.



PREPOS-
TEROUS!

ARE YOU
TRYING TO
TELL ME
THAT A GIRL
LIKE HER,
SUCH A
WELLSPRING
OF LIGHT...

WOULD DO
SOMETHING
TO MERIT
EXILE?



?



A
WELL-
SPRING
OF
LIGHT...

OF
COURSE
YOU
WOULD
SEE IT
THAT
WAY.



ROSES
BATHED
IN THE
STRONGEST
LIGHT
CAST THE
DEEPEST
SHADOWS.

LOOK,
ALICE.





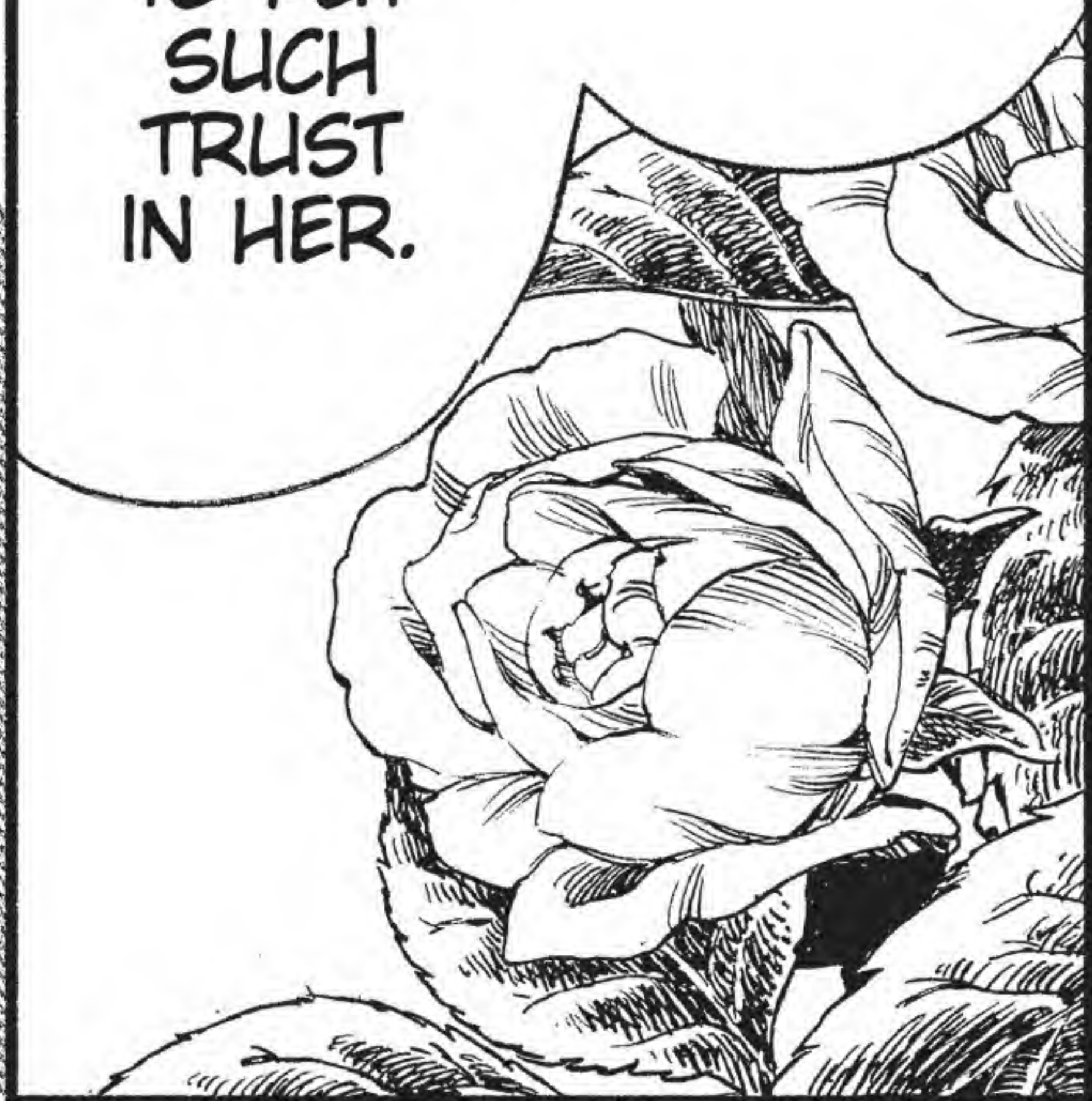
OH,
MY...

DOES
EDWARD
HAVE
SUSPI-
CIONS...

ABOUT MY
RELATIONSHIP
WITH HER?

BUT I
DO NOT
THINK IT
RIGHT
TO PUT
SUCH
TRUST
IN HER.

I AM NOT
ACCUISING
THE
GIRL OF
ANYTHING.



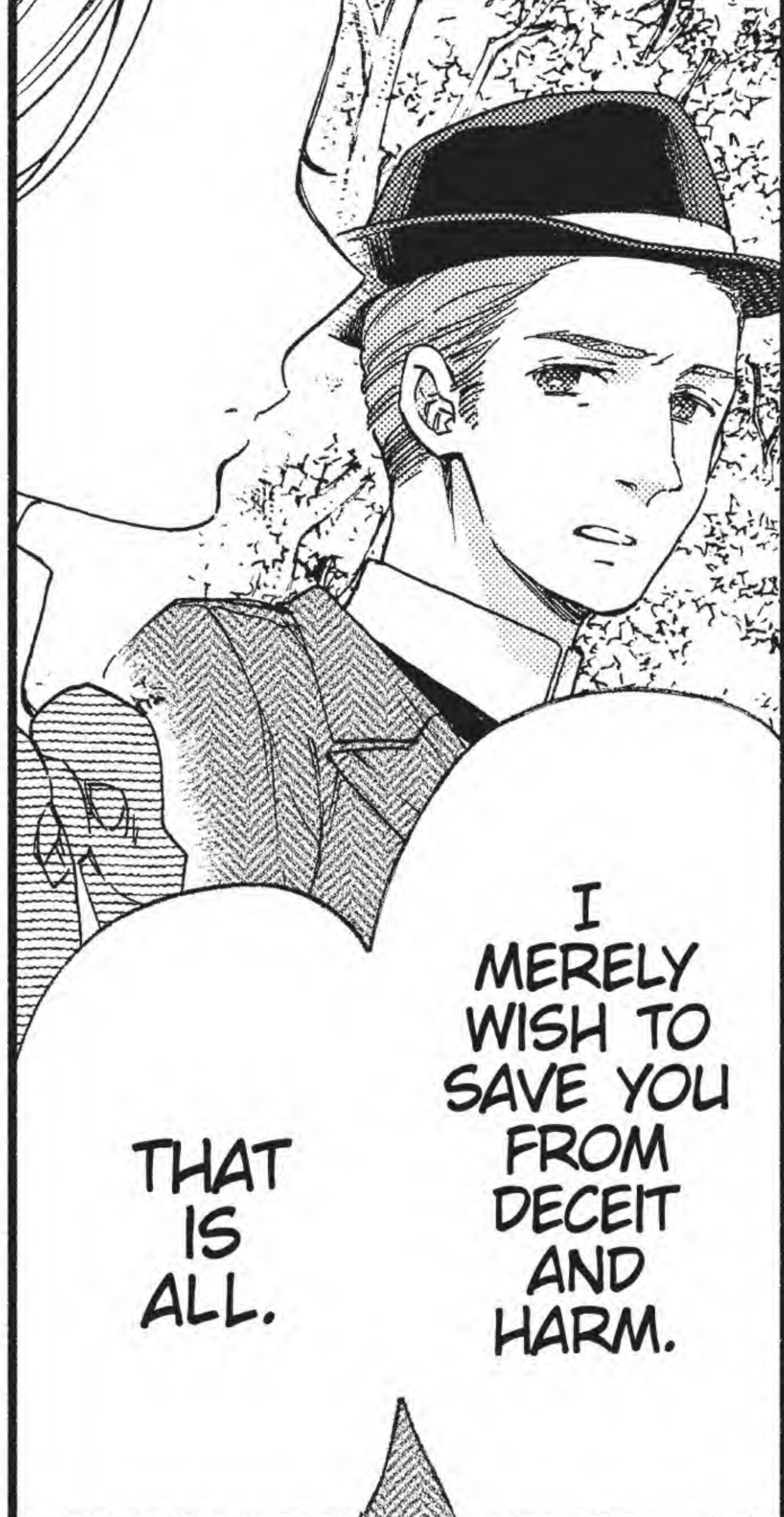
IT IS
EASY TO
PUT ON
A FACADE
FOR
OTHERS.



WE HAVE
NO IDEA
IF SHE IS
WHO SHE
CLAIMS
TO BE.

I'M
SIMPLY
WORRIED
FOR YOU,
ALICE
DARLING.

YOUR
HEART
IS MORE
PURE
THAN YOU
REALIZE.



THAT
IS
ALL.

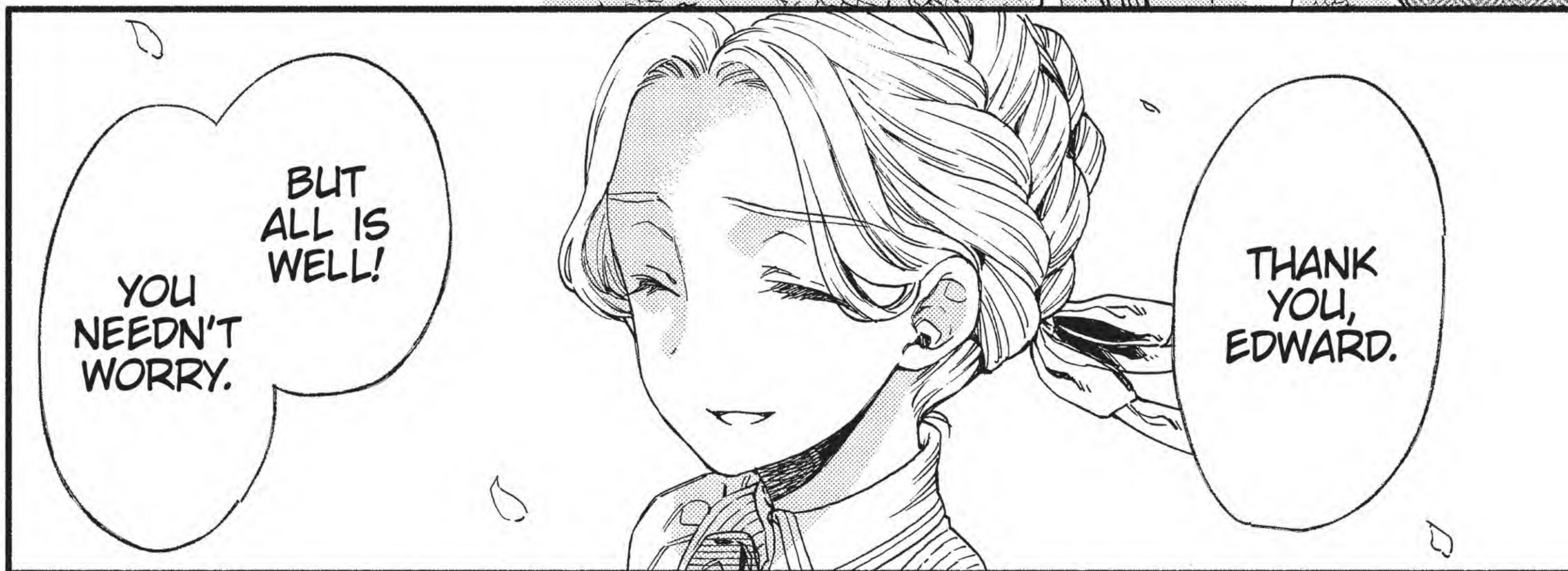
I
MERELY
WISH TO
SAVE YOU
FROM
DECEIT
AND
HARM.



YOU
HAVEN'T
A CLUE
ABOUT
WHO I
TRULY
AM.

YOU
MERELY
SEE ME
AS YOU
WISH I
WERE: A
VIRTUOUS
FUTURE
WIFE.

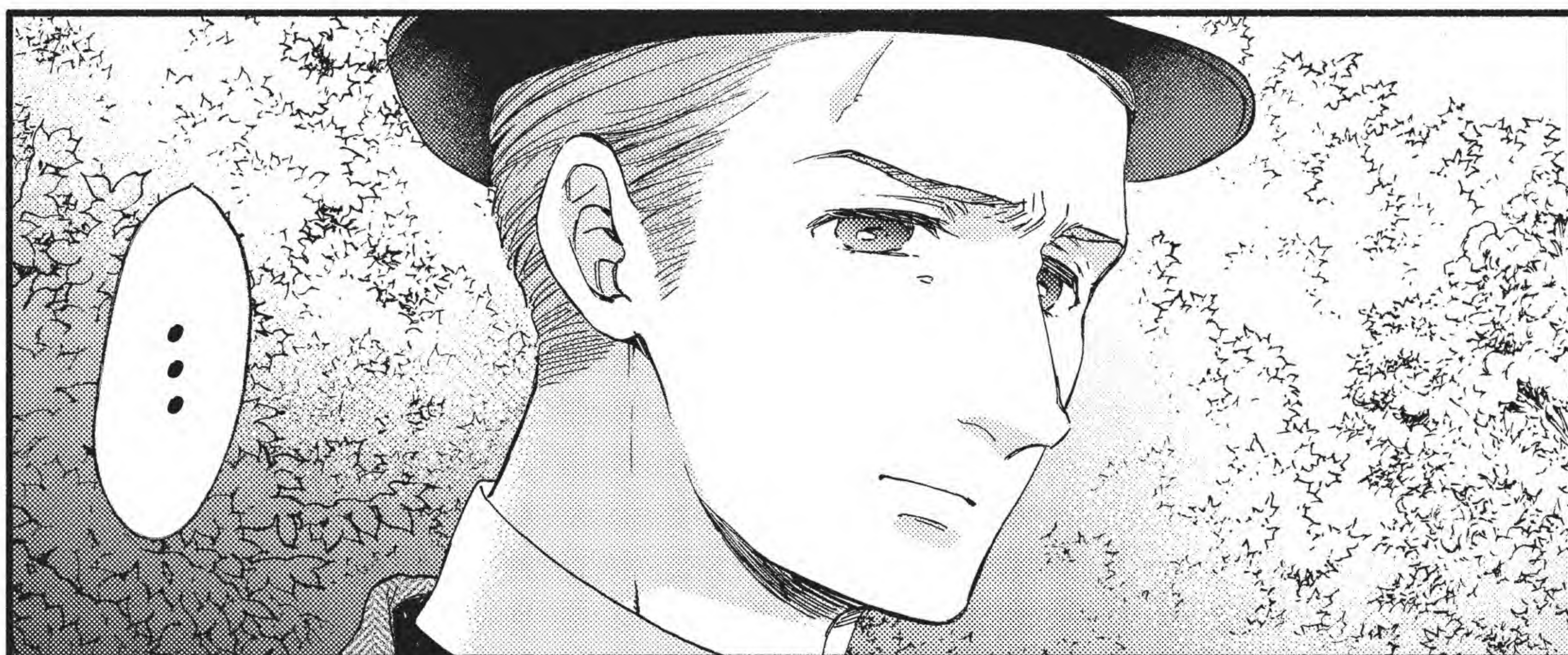
AND YET
YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
THAT I
AM ALSO
WEARING
A FACADE.



YOU
NEEDN'T
WORRY.

BUT
ALL IS
WELL!

THANK
YOU,
EDWARD.



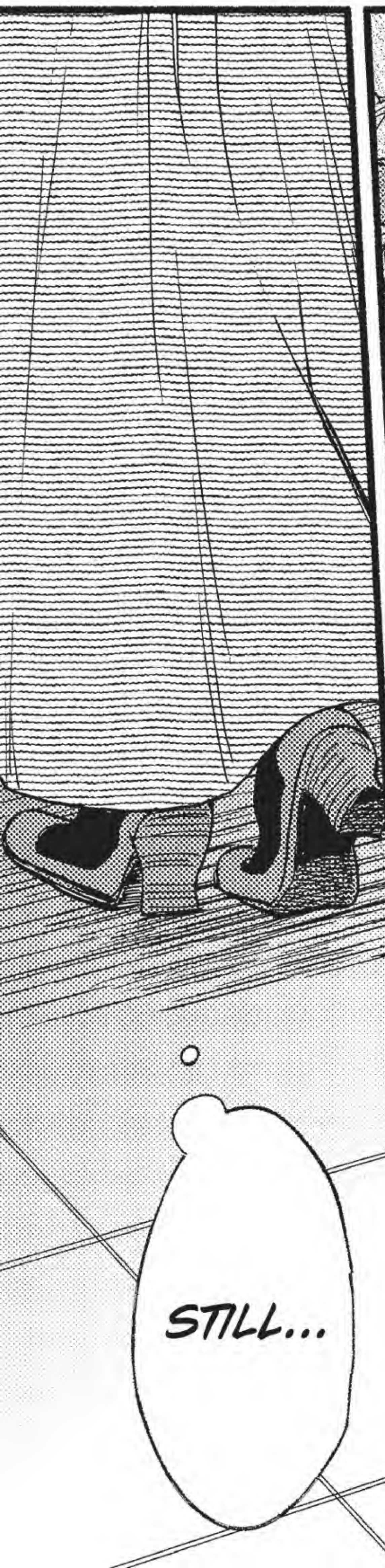
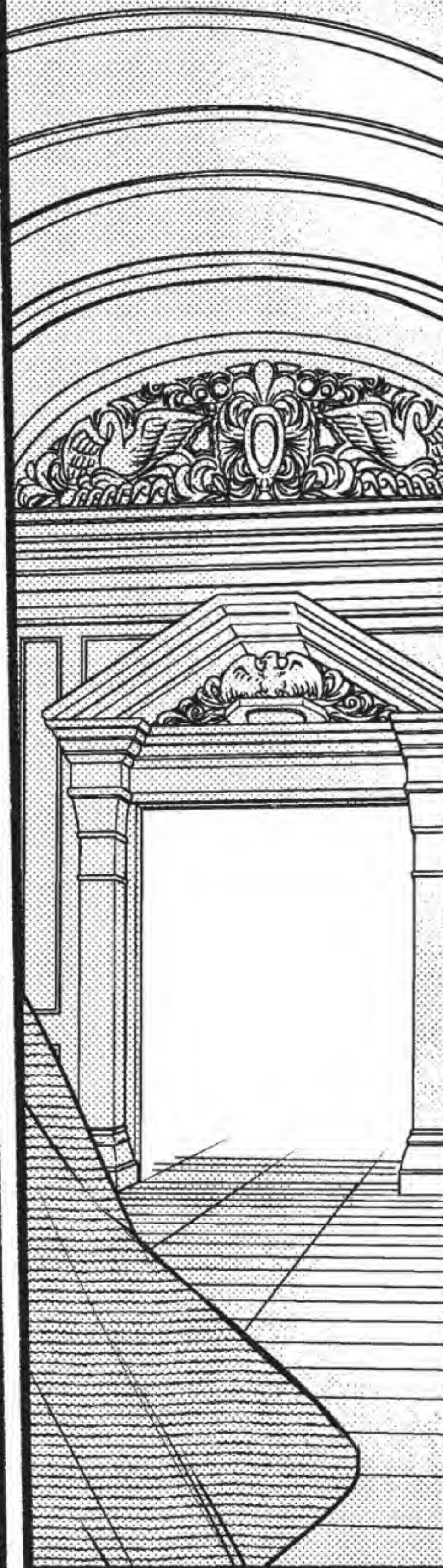
...



I AM
SURE
THIS IS
MERELY
THE
AFFECTION
BETWEEN
FRIENDS.

MY
DESIRE
TO
BECOME
CLOSER
TO
HANAKO
...

IS
DIFFERENT
FROM MY
FEELINGS
FOR ELIZA.



STILL...

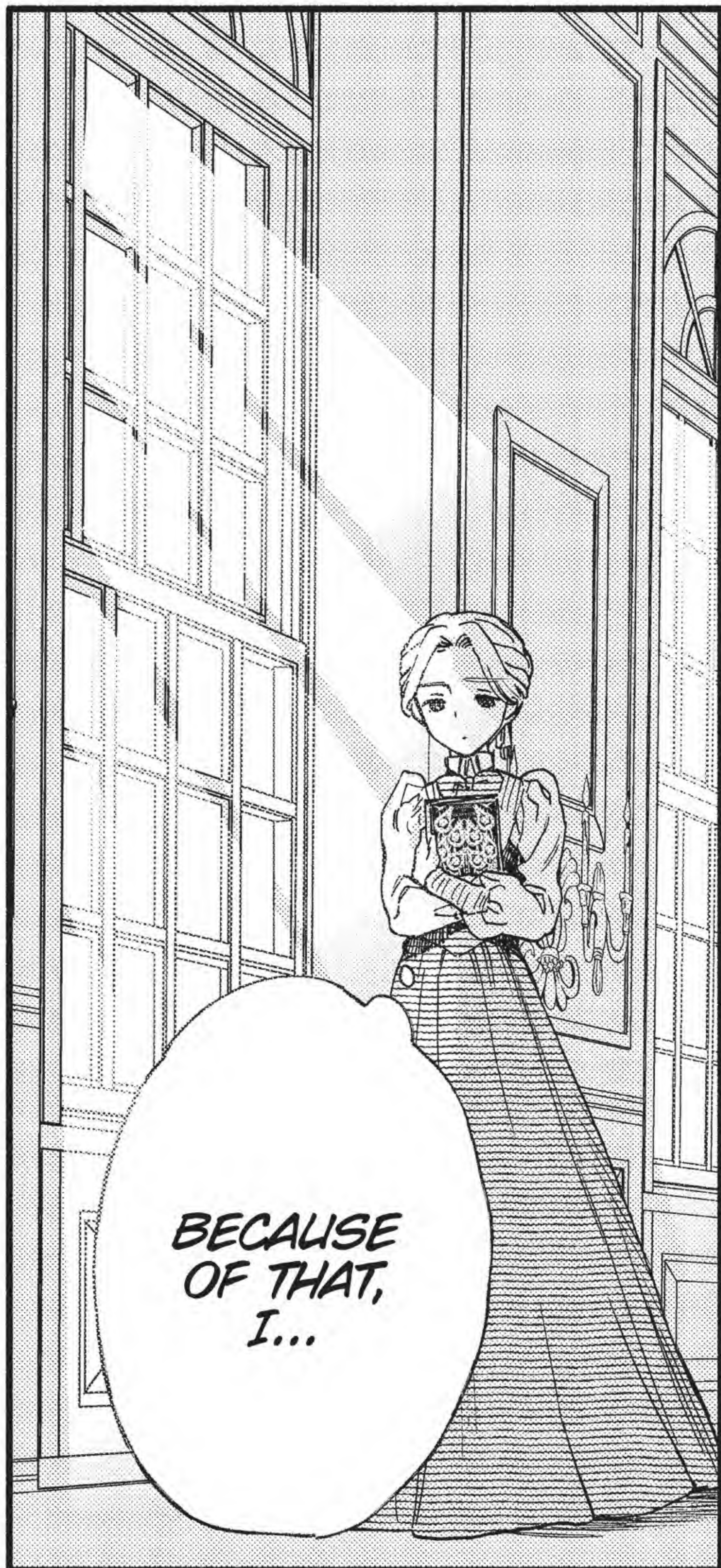


SIMPLY
WALKING
BESIDE
ME, CON-
FRONTING
THE SAME
LONELI-
NESS.

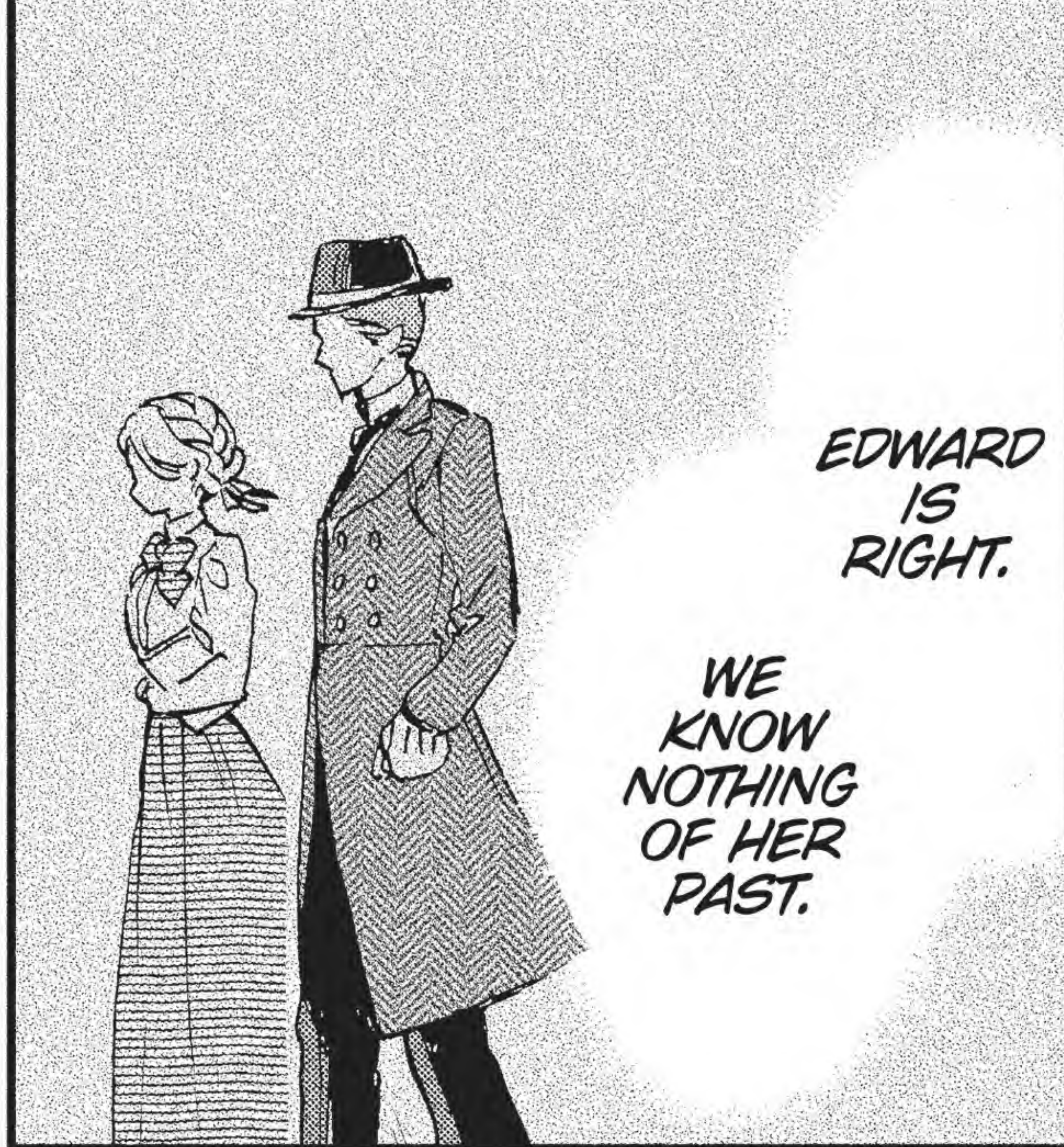


BUT
SHE HAS
GIVEN ME
A PEACE
I HAVE
NOT FELT
FOR SO
LONG.

IT
SHALL
NOT
ERASE
MY
LONELI-
NESS,
OR THE
SINS
OF THE
PAST...



BECAUSE
OF THAT,
I...



EDWARD
IS
RIGHT.

WE
KNOW
NOTHING
OF HER
PAST.



SHE WAS
UNDETERRED,
EVEN AFTER
HEARING
ABOUT MY
OWN...

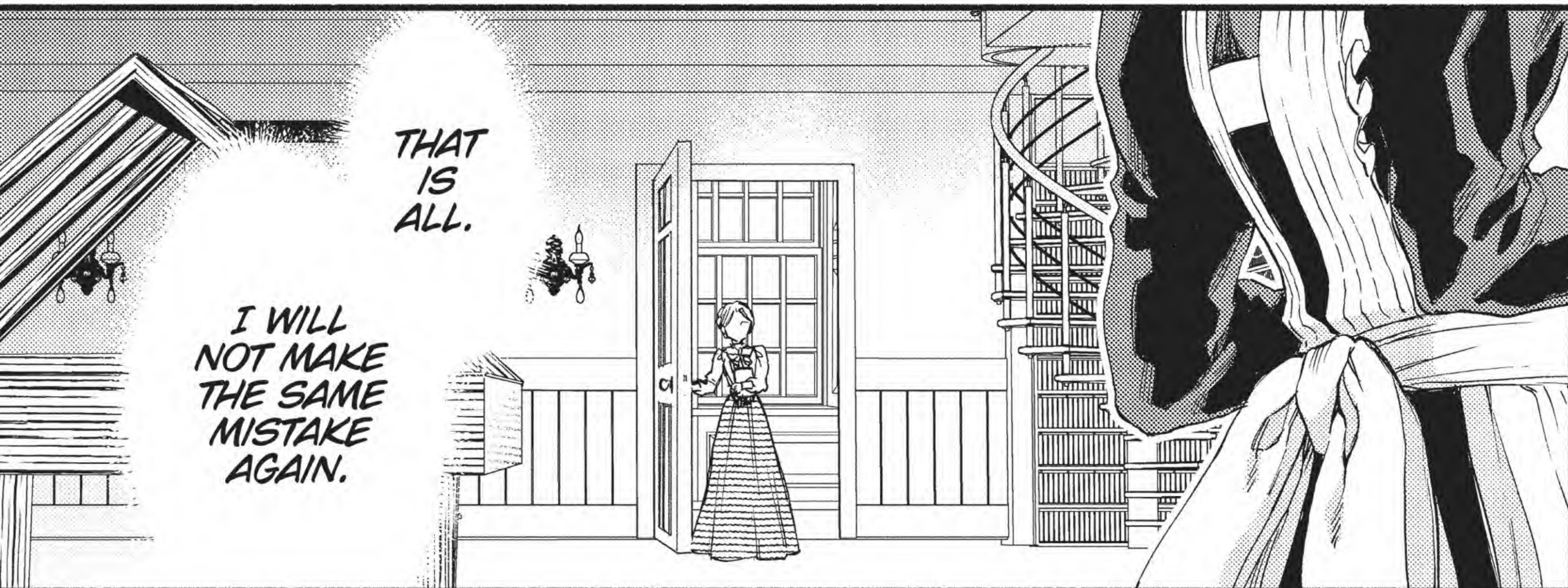
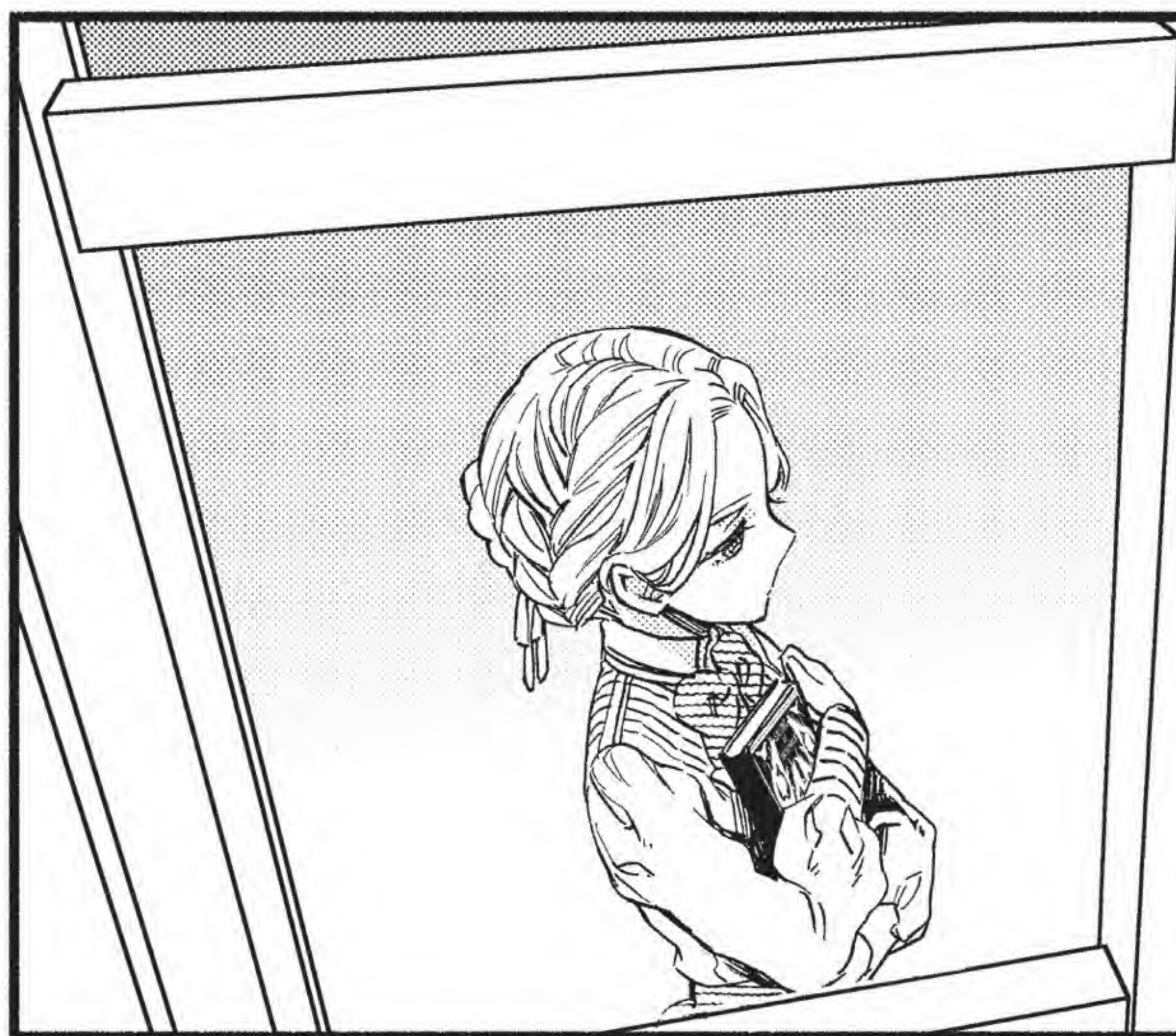
AND
SAID
SHE
WOULD
STAY
BY MY
SIDE.

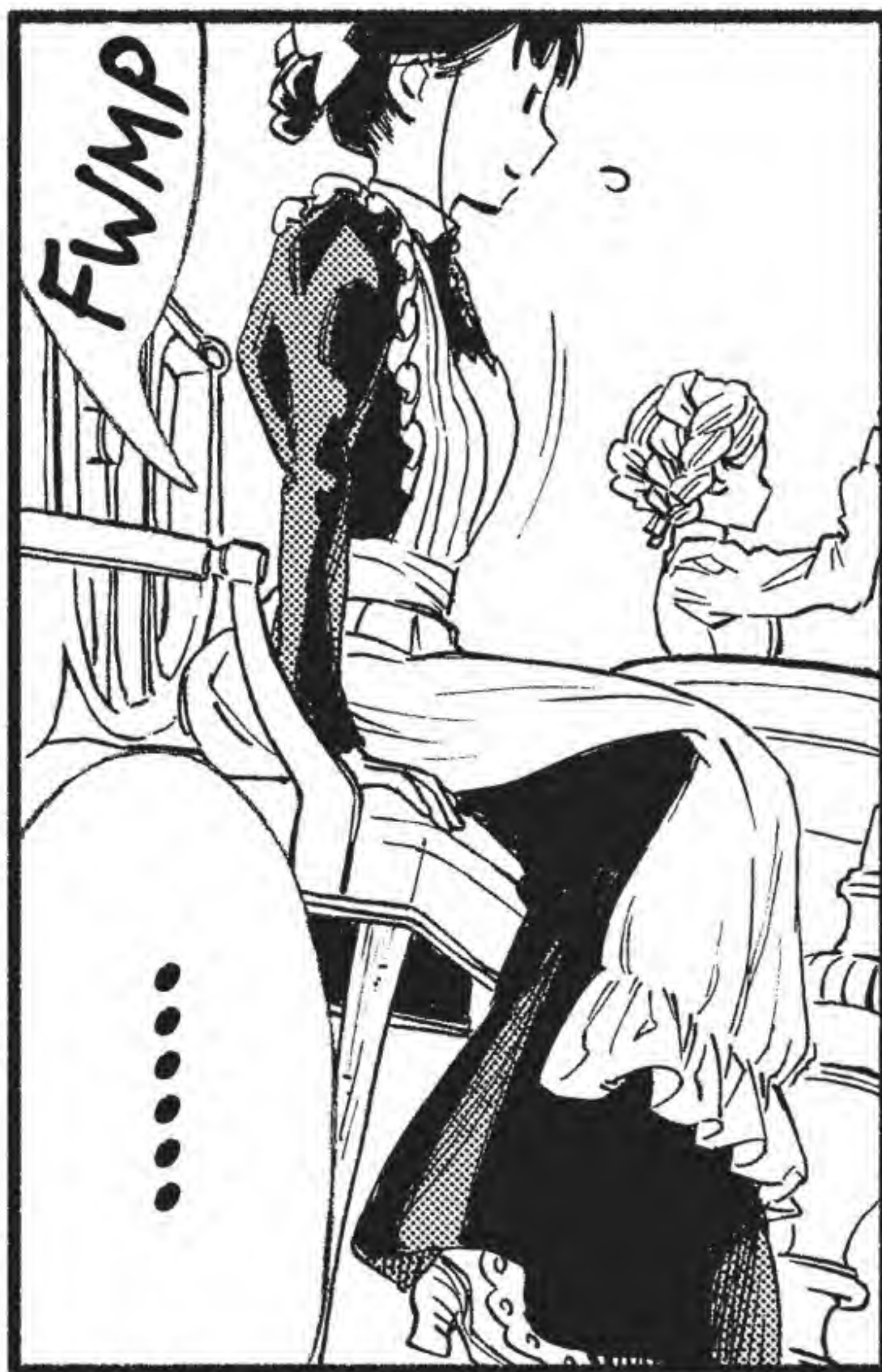


IS THIS
TRULY
FRIEND-
SHIP...?



BA-DMP







I WAS CERTAIN YOU WOULD KNOW SOMETHING, LADY ALICE.

THE OTHER DAY, WHEN WE WERE IN LONDON-- THE BOOK-SELLER TOLD ME.

WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT?

THIS IS THE FIRST I HAVE HEARD.



YES, CERTAINLY!

I WISH I HAD ASKED MY EDITOR FRIEND WHEN LAST I SAW HIM.

I AM SORRY...

BUT I AM AFRAID I DO NOT.

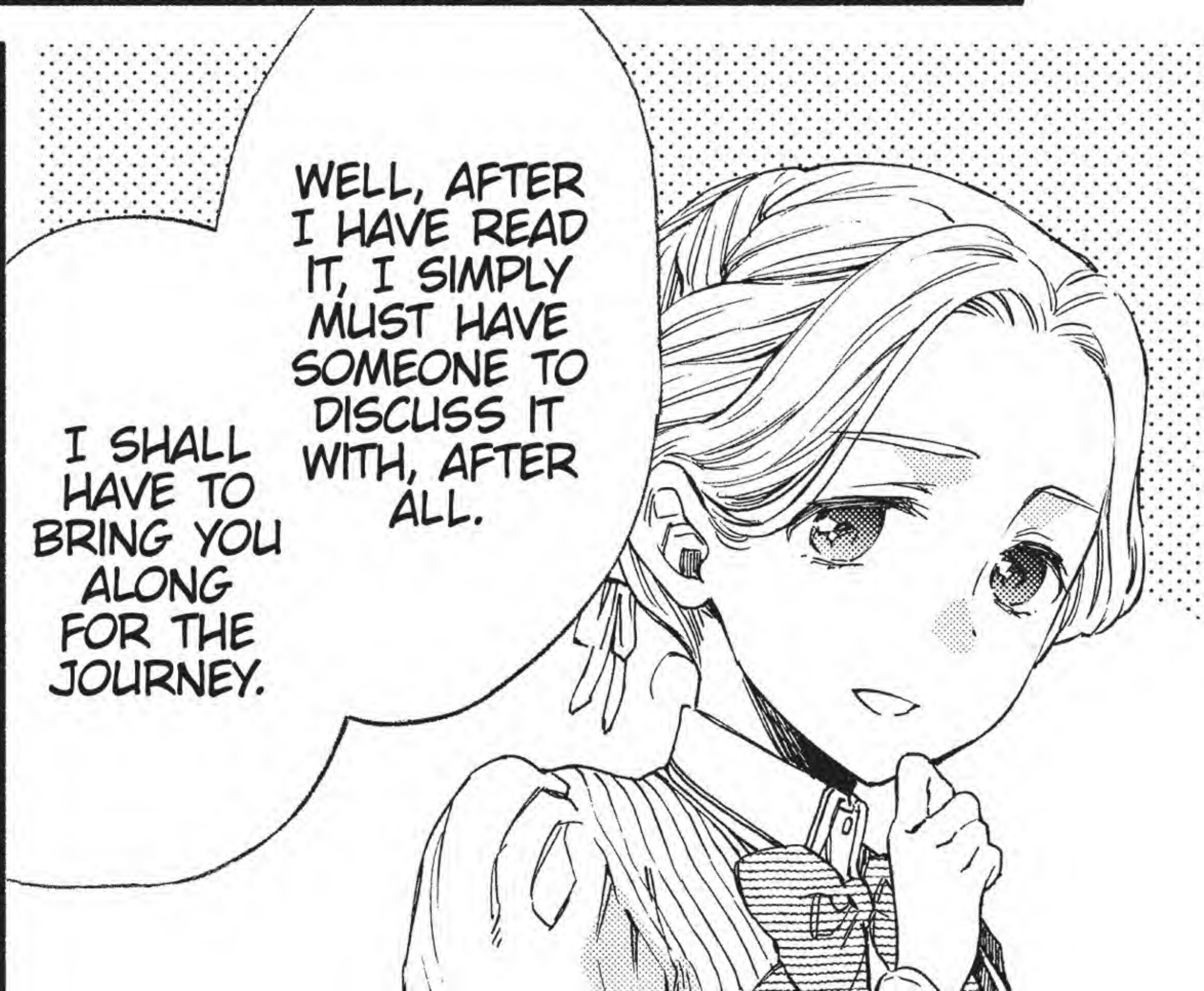
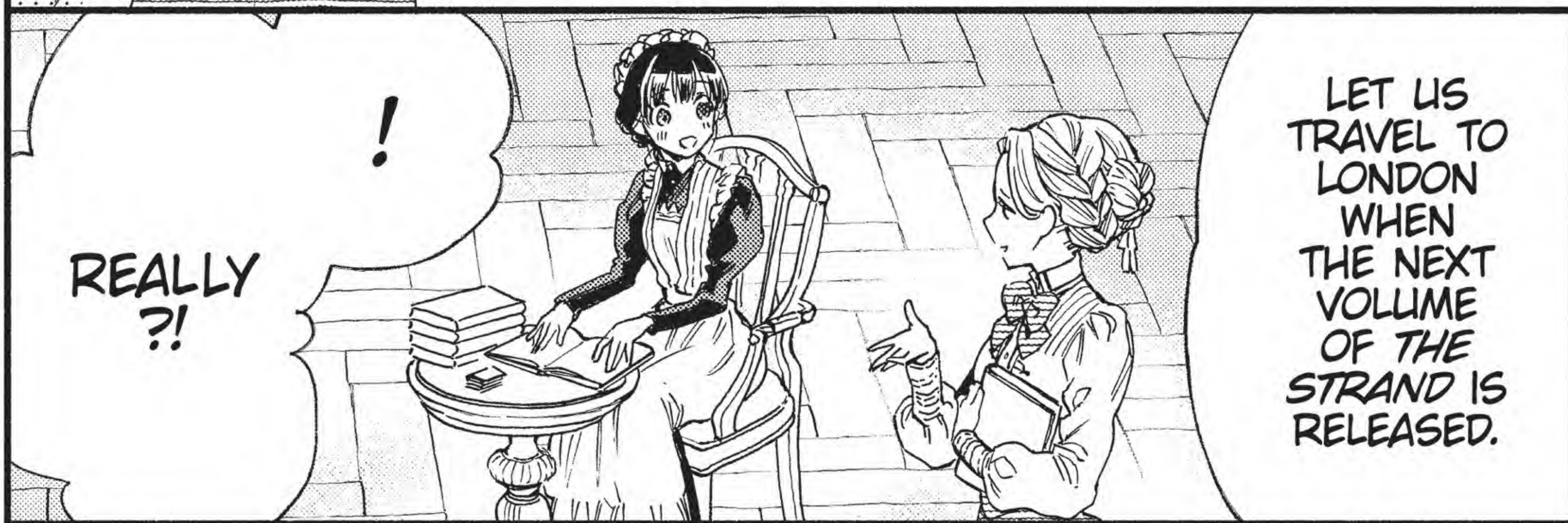


WHAAT?!

I HEARD THAT CONAN DOYLE IS PENNING ANOTHER HOLMES NOVEL.

ALTHOUGH ...

I HAVE HEARD A DIFFERENT RUMOR.





SHE IS
JUST AS
SHE HAS
ALWAYS
BEEN.

OH,
IT IS
NOTHING.



WHAT
IS IT?!

?

TEE
HEE...



SHE
IS JUST
HERE, BY
MY SIDE,
SMILING.

NOT A
HINT OF
SCORN
OR PITY.

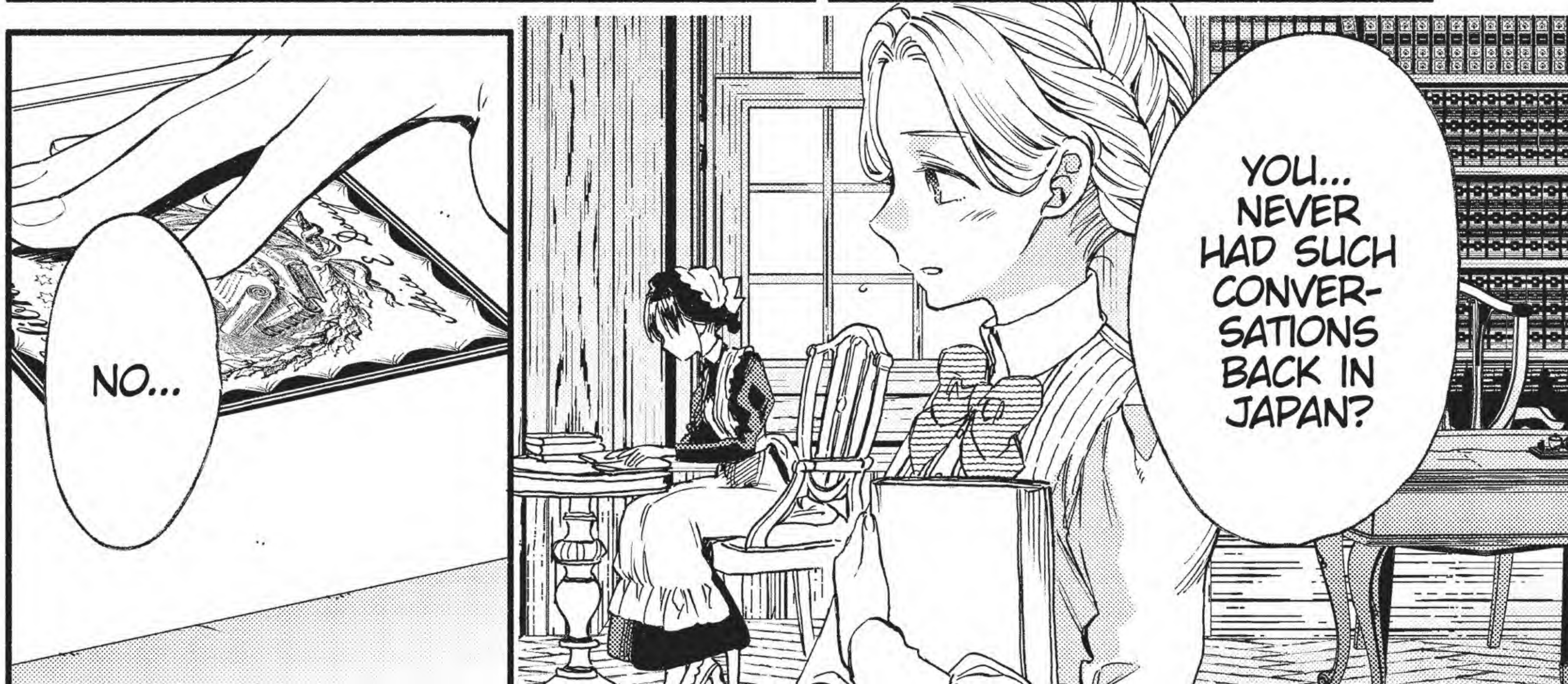
?



I AM
GLAD.

I KNEW
THESE
FEELINGS...

COULD BE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
FRIENDSHIP.





I WAS...
NEVER ABLE
TO SPEAK
OPENLY
ABOUT MY
FEELINGS
BEFORE...



BACK
HOME,
PEOPLE
BELIEVE
THAT IF
WOMEN
READ
BOOKS...

THEY'D
CONFUSE
FACT
AND
FICTION.

THAT
IT SETS
THEM
ON THE
PATH TO
RUIN.

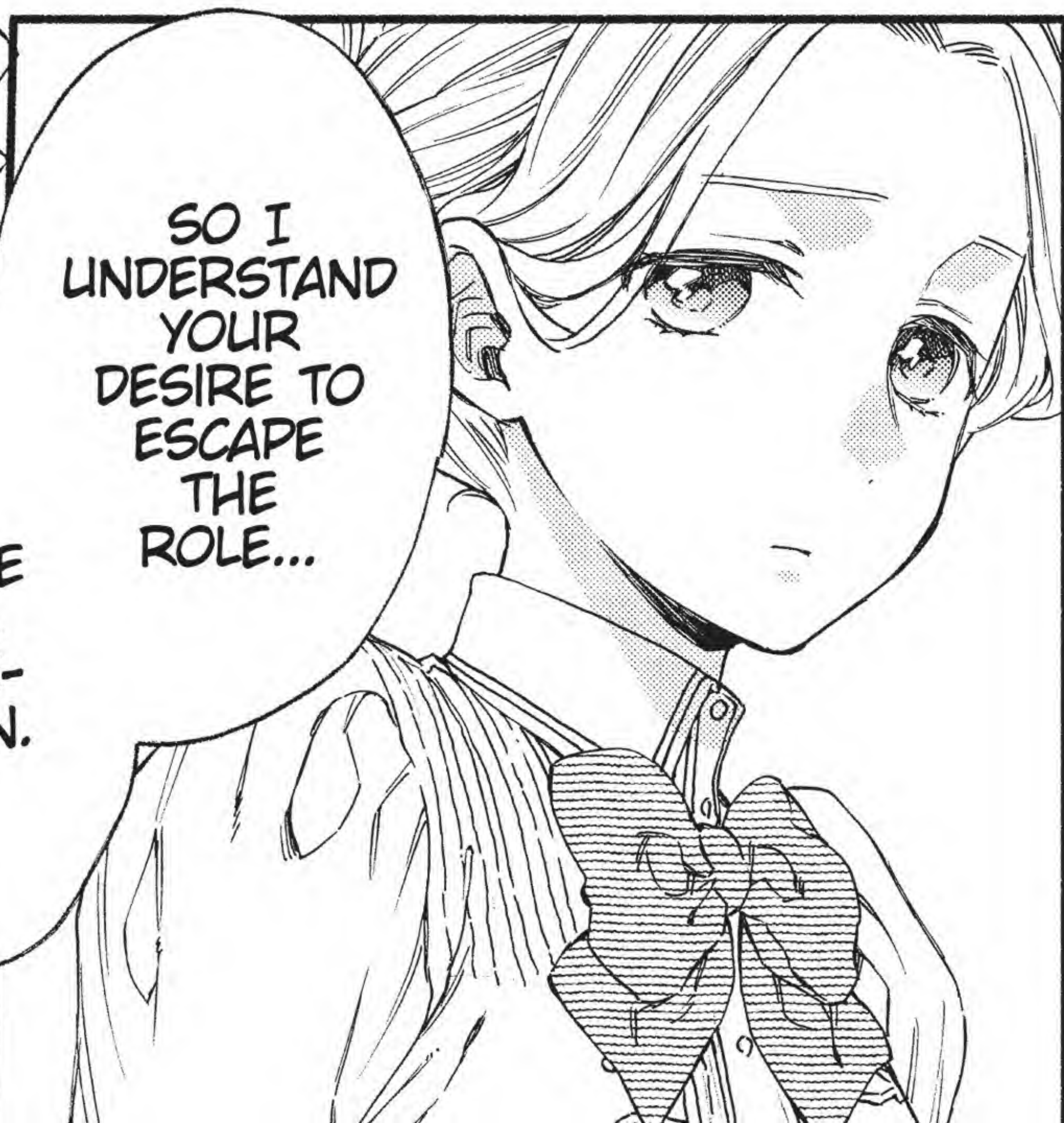


VERY
FEW
WOULD
SPEAK
HIGHLY
OF ME
READING
WESTERN
LITERA-
TURE.

THEY
BELIEVE
WOMEN
ONLY LEARN
ENGLISH
TO BECOME
A WESTER-
NER'S
MISTRESS.



OF THE
IDEAL
NOBLE-
WOMAN.



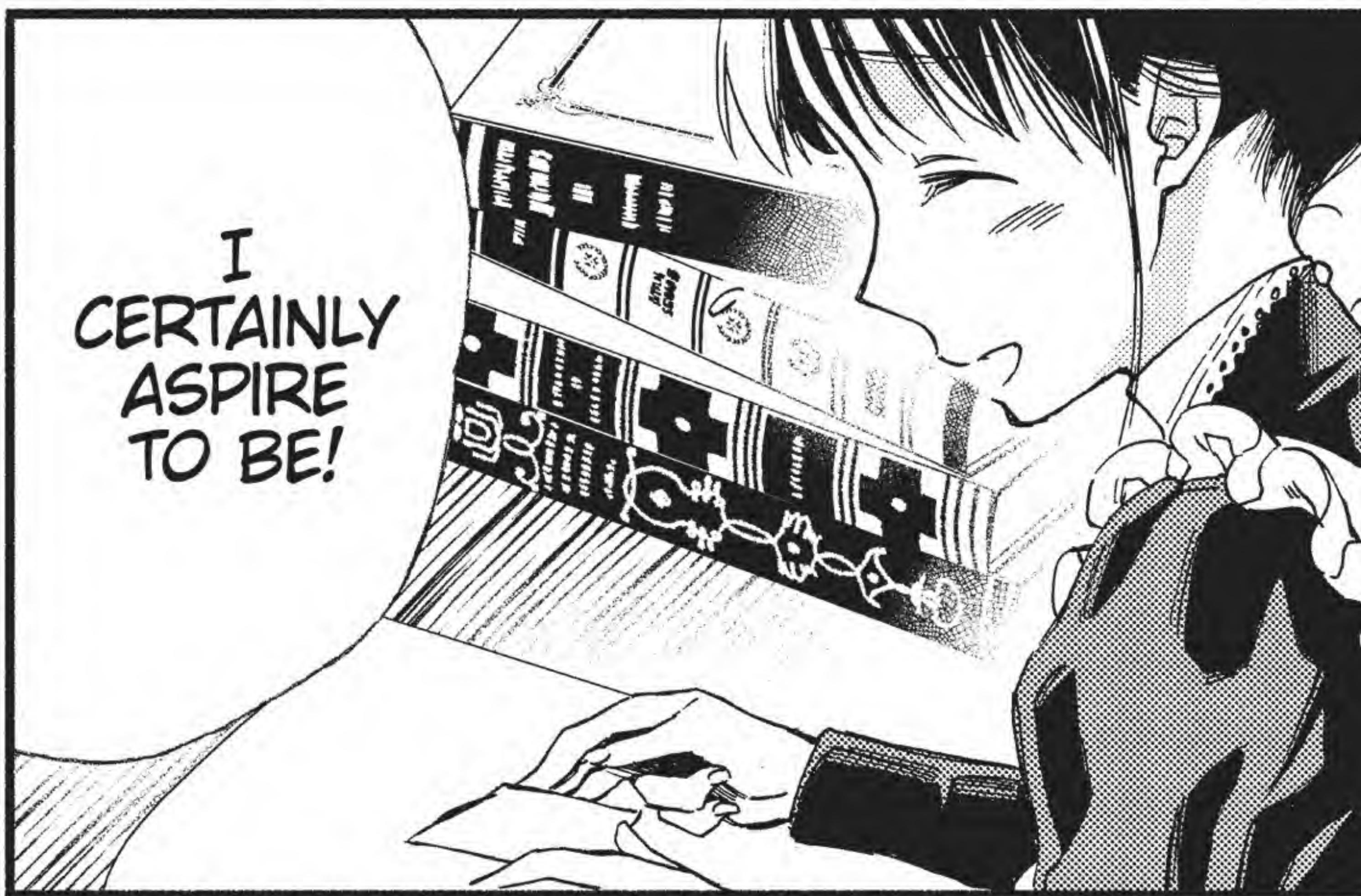
SO I
UNDERSTAND
YOUR
DESIRE TO
ESCAPE
THE
ROLE...



I BELIEVE...
THAT WE
SHOULD ALL
HAVE THE
RIGHT TO
CHOOSE
OUR OWN
FATE.



BUT YOU
ARE FAIRLY
PROGRESSIVE
IN YOUR
VIEWS...



I
CERTAINLY
ASPIRE
TO BE!



AND HERE
I THOUGHT
THAT YOU
WERE ONLY
SEVENTEEN.



REALLY
...?!



BECAUSE
I WANT
TO TEACH
GIRLS TO
CHOOSE
FOR THEM-
SELVES.

I WAS A
TEACHER
AT A
GIRLS'
SCHOOL
IN
JAPAN...

WHAT
BECAME
OF
HER?

AND YET,
EVEN AFTER
ENDEAVOR-
ING TO GIVE
THEM THAT
CHOICE...

SHE FELT
LITTERLY
POWERLESS
AND SLIPPED
INTO A DEEP
DESPAIR...

ONE OF MY
STUDENTS
WAS FORCED
INTO AN
ENGAGEMENT
SHE DID
NOT WANT.

I
SEE...

SHE...
ATTEMPTED
TO TAKE
HER LIFE.

I WAS
UNABLE
TO SAY
ANYTHING
THAT COULD
SAVE HER.

I FELT
LITTERLY
WORTHLESS.
I LOST ALL
CONFIDENCE
IN MY
TEACHING.

BUT
THEN I
FOUND
HOPE
IN THIS
BOOK.

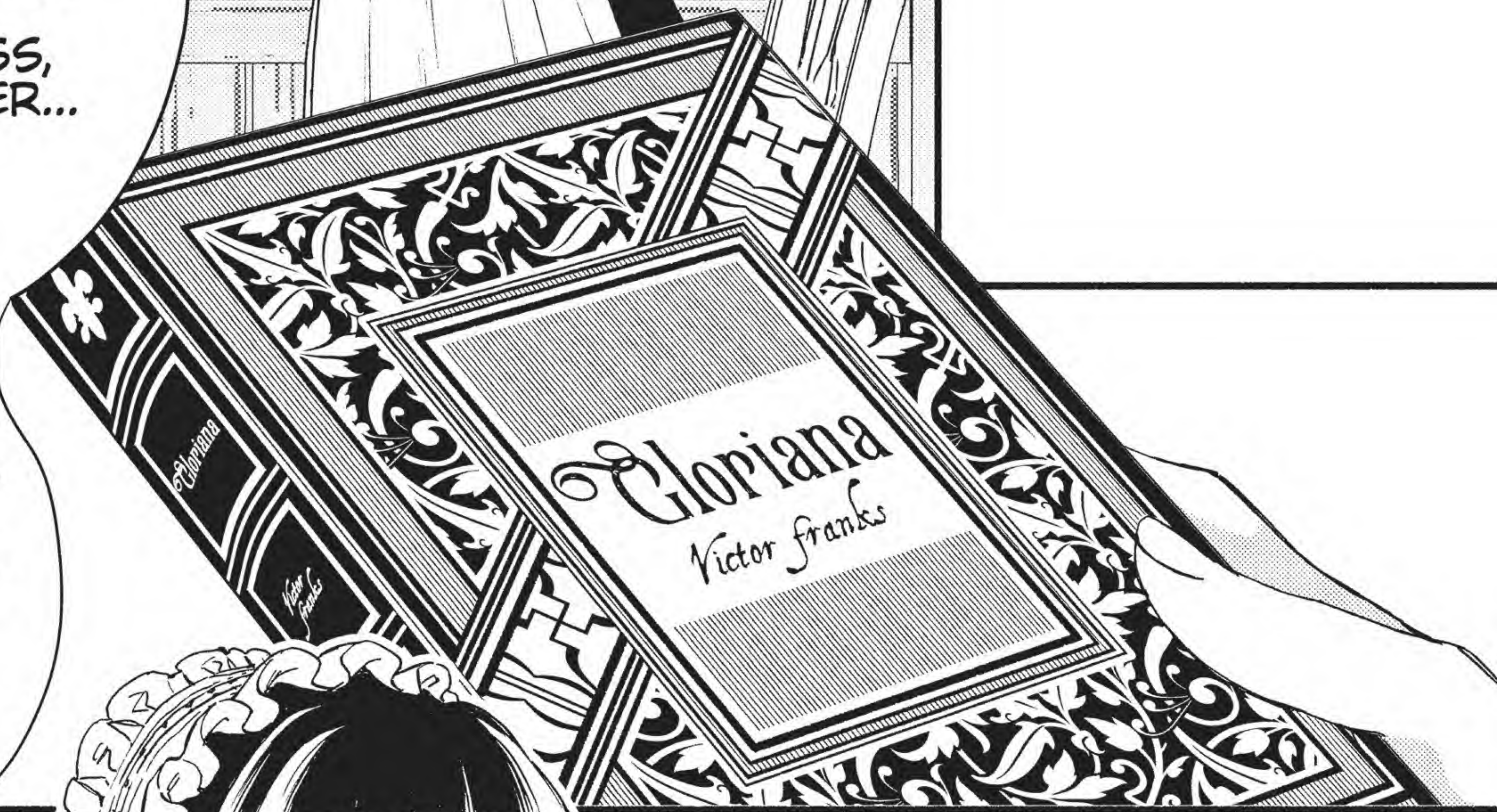
ITS LIGHT
BROKE
THROUGH
EVERYTHING.
MY
SADNESS,
MY ANGER...

THE
LONELINESS
AND
DISTORTION
THAT
CLOUDED
MY WORLD.

.....
I MUST
TELL
HER THE
TRUTH...

IT MADE
ME WISH
TO TELL
STORIES
LIKE
THAT.

BECAUSE
OF THIS
BOOK, I
CAN GO
ON.



SHE
IMAGINES
HIM AS
SOMEONE
STRONGER.
PERFECT.

THE WAY
SHE SEES
VICTOR...
IS
ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT
FROM
HOW SHE
SEES ME.

BUT...

IT IS
UNCON-
SCION-
ABLE TO
STAND IN
THE WAY
OF HER
DREAMS.

IF SHE
LEARNS
THE TRUTH,
ALL OF
THAT MAY
CHANGE.

ALTHOUGH
SHE HAS
ACCEPTED
ME, MY
WEAKNESS...

...



IT MAY
SOUND
LIKE
HYPER-
BOLE...

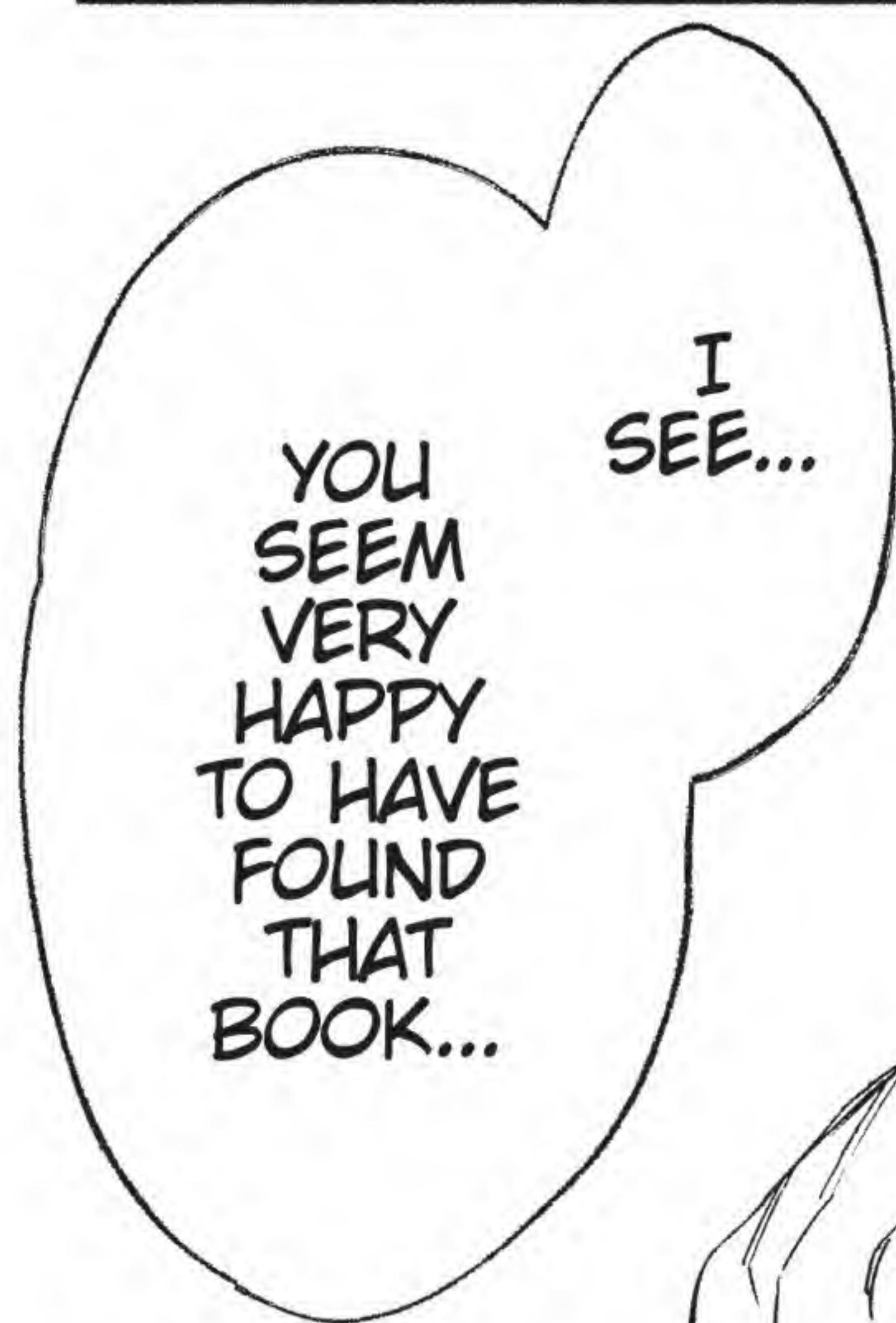
BUT I
OWE MY
LIFE TO
HIM.

VICTOR'S
TALE GAVE
ME THE
STRENGTH
TO GO
ON.



NO...

I
MUST
NOT
TELL
HER
YET...



YOU
SEEM
VERY
HAPPY
TO HAVE
FOUND
THAT
BOOK...

I
SEE...



SOME-
WHAT...

...

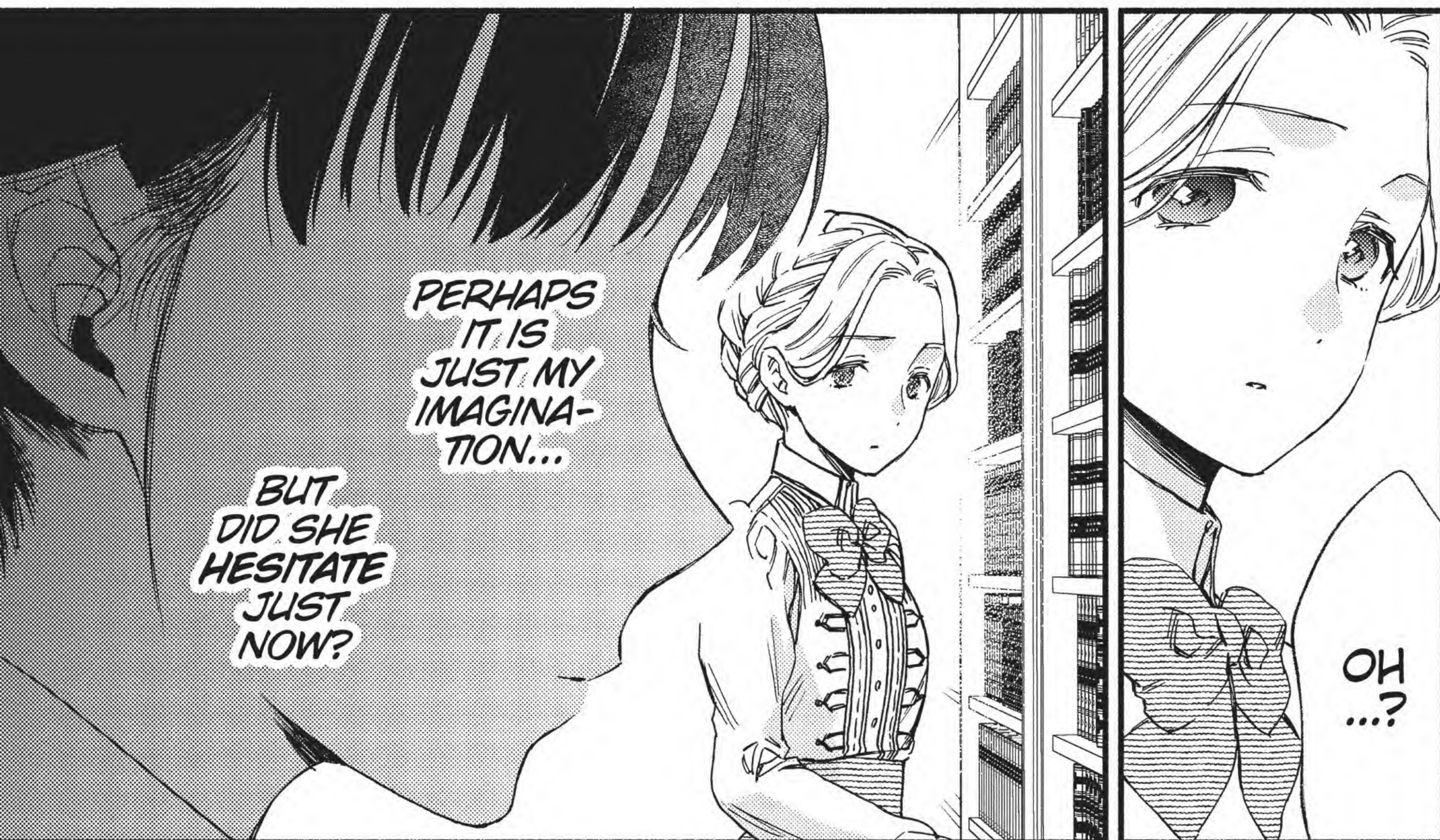
IS IT EASY
TO OBTAIN
ENGLISH
NOVELS IN
JAPAN?



SO IT WAS
EASY FOR
ME TO GET
BOOKS IN
ENGLISH...

M...

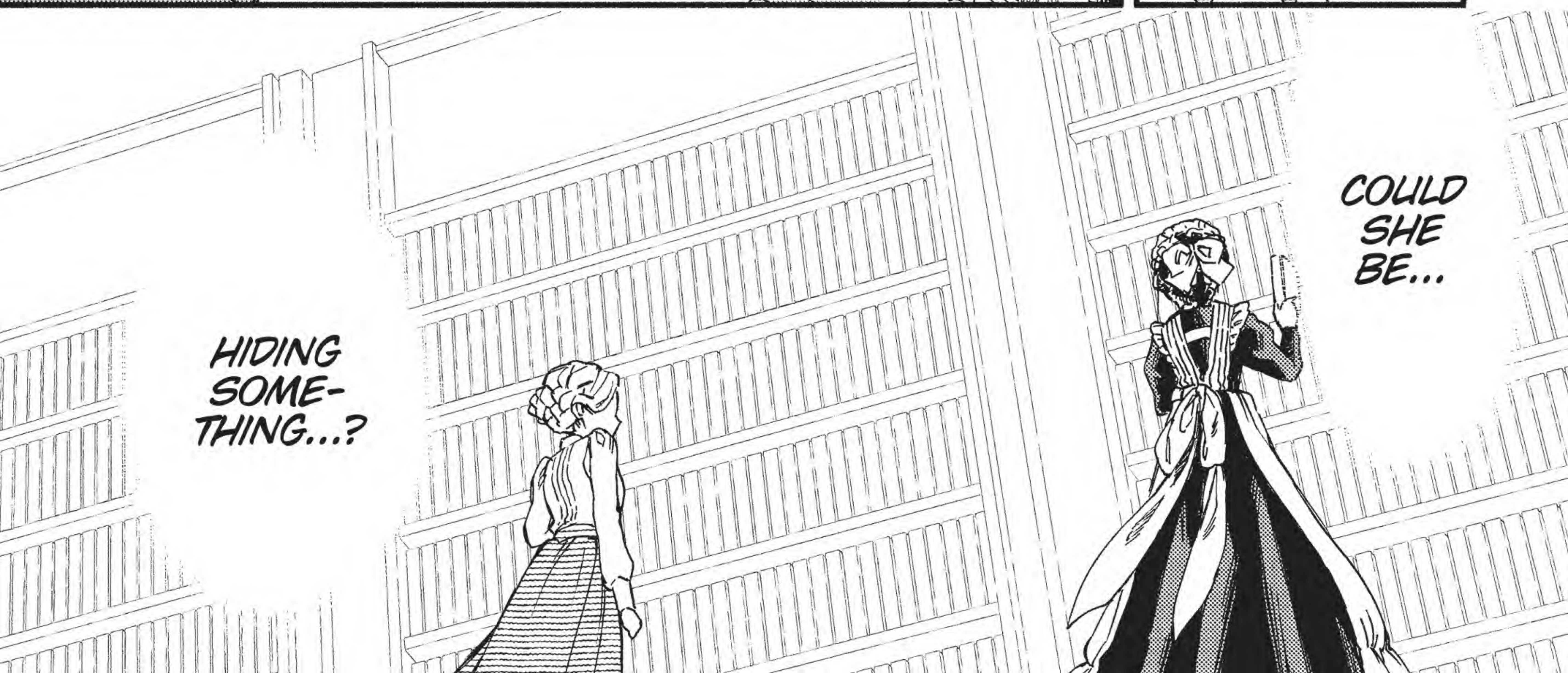
MY
HOMETOWN
HAD A
FOREIGN
SETTLE-
MENT...



PERHAPS
IT IS
JUST MY
IMAGINA-
TION...

BUT
DID SHE
HESITATE
JUST
NOW?

OH
...?



HIDING
SOME-
THING...?

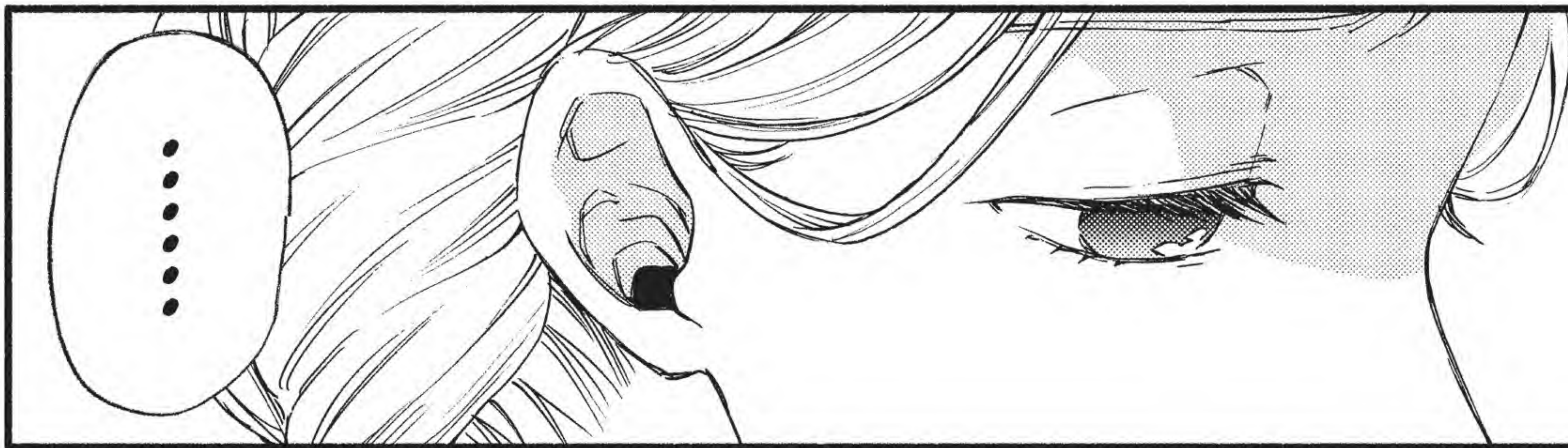
COULD
SHE
BE...



EVEN IF
SHE
WERE...

I HAVE
NO RIGHT
TO DEMAND
HER
SECRETS.

IM-
POSSI-
BLE...



...



YES,
MA'AM...



I SHALL
READ IN
THE ROSE
GARDEN
UNTIL IT
IS TIME
TO GET
READY FOR
DINNER.

WELL, I
SHOULD
BE
GOING.

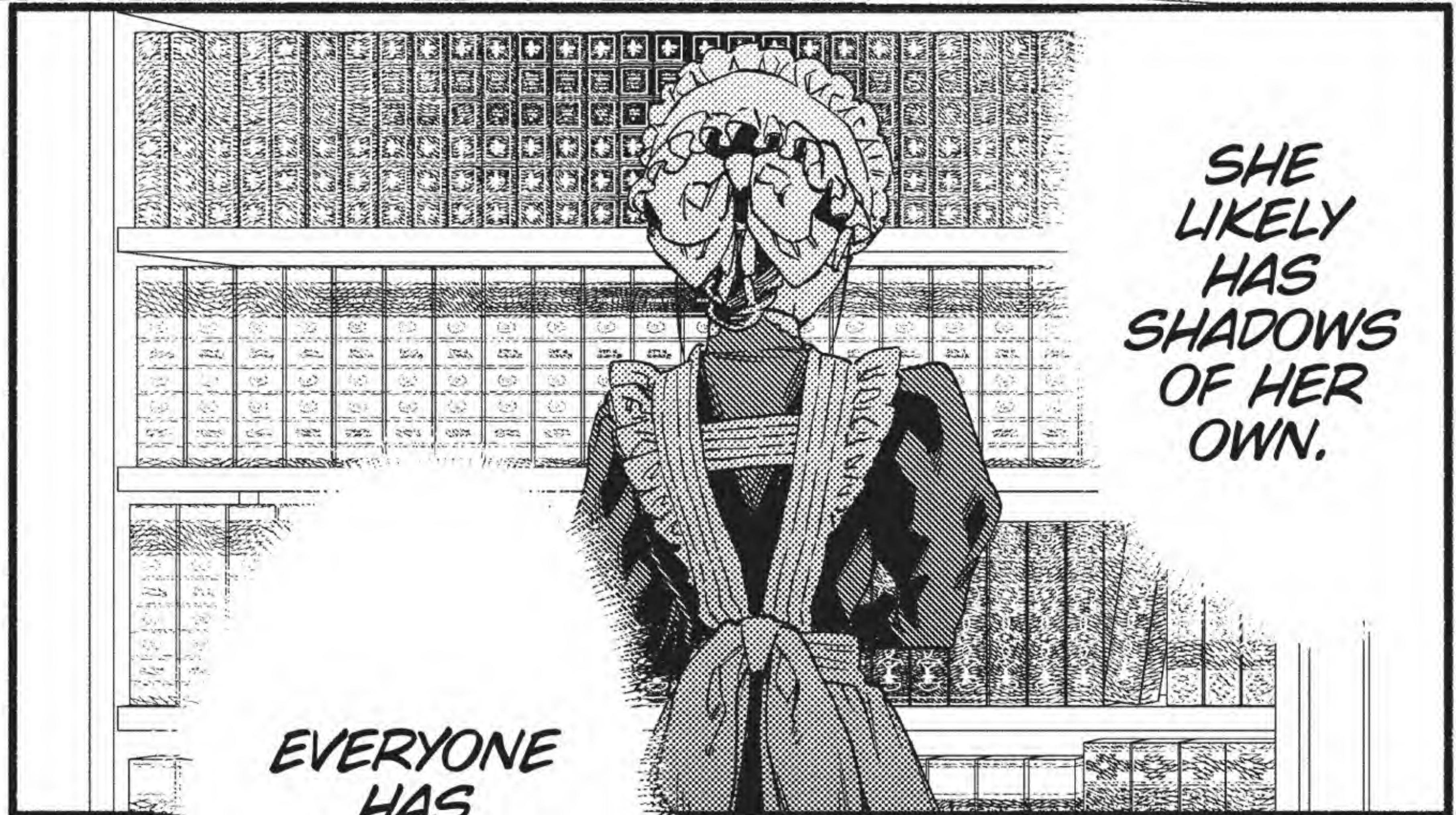


"ROSES
BATHED
IN THE
STRONGEST
LIGHT..."

"CAST THE
DEEPEST
SHADOWS."

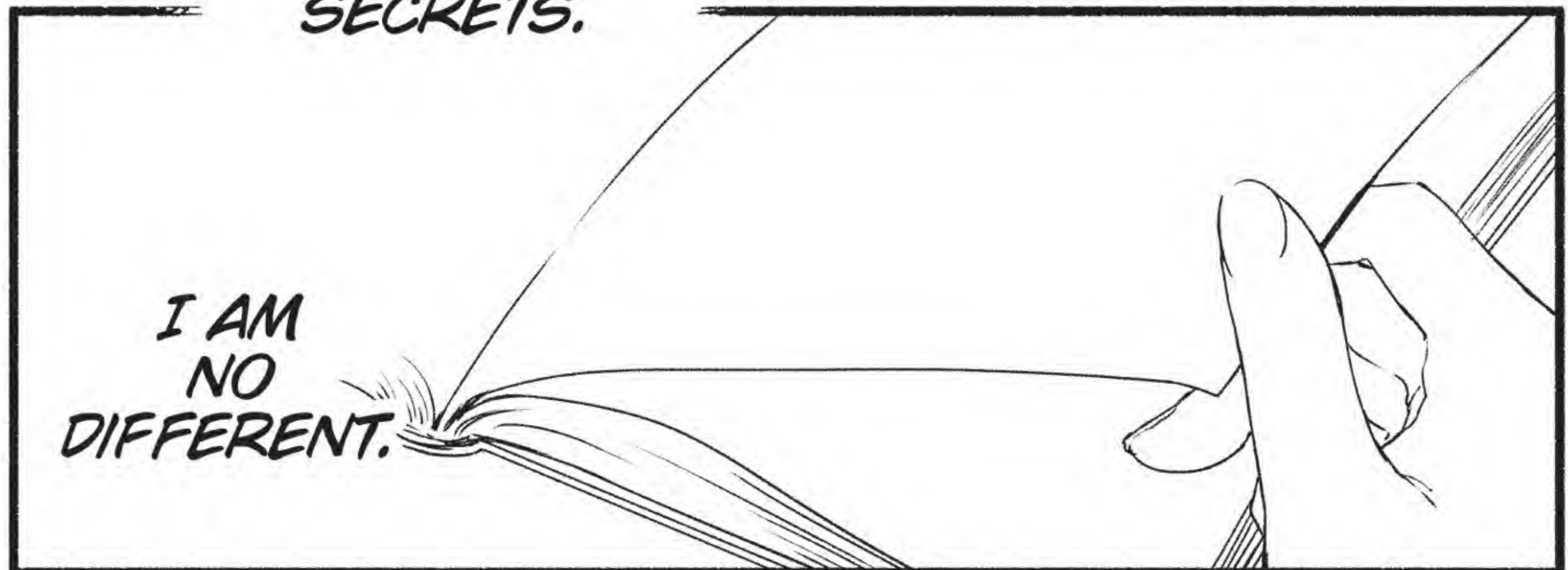


LOGICALLY,
I
UNDERSTAND
THIS...



SHE
LIKELY
HAS
SHADOWS
OF HER
OWN.

EVERYONE
HAS
SECRETS.



I AM
NO
DIFFERENT.



IT IS
ENTIRELY
NORMAL.

IT IS NOT
UNUSUAL
THAT SHE
SHOULD
KEEP SOME
THINGS TO
HERSELF.

PA-
TNK

IT IS
UN-
ACCEPT-
ABLE.

AND YET
IGNORE
MY OWN
SHADOW?

HOW
CAN I
DEMAND
HER
SECRETS...

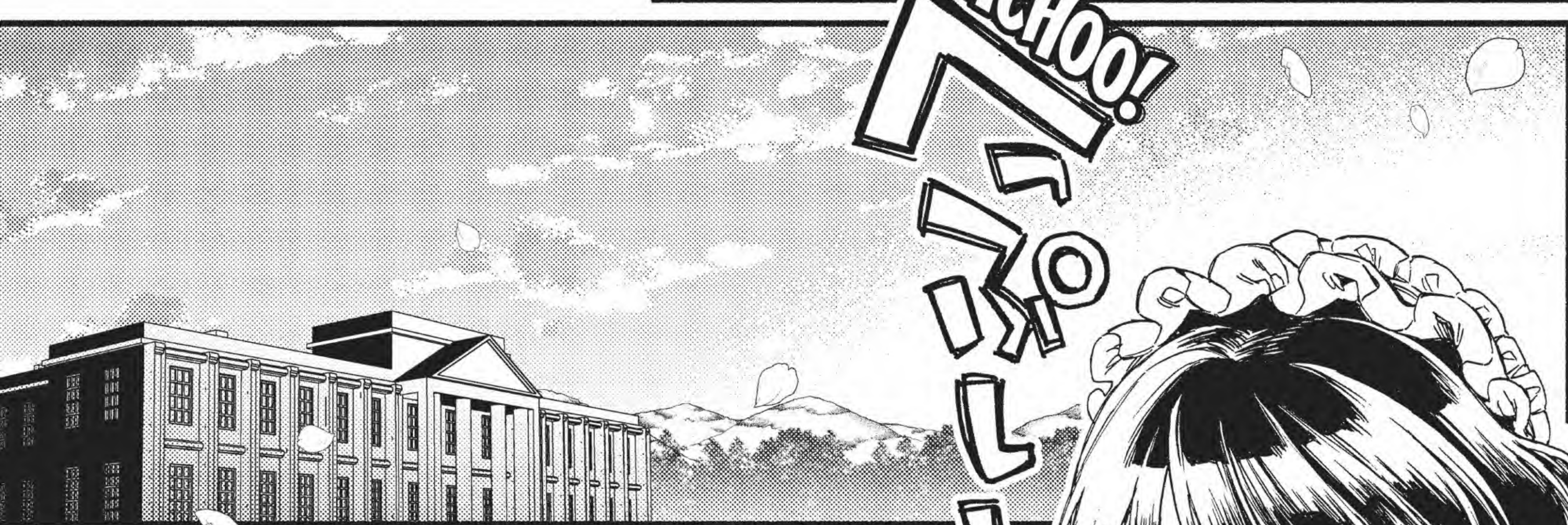
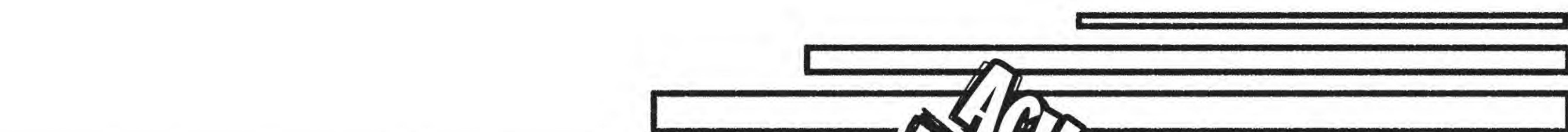
SO WHY
DOES MY
HEART
PROTEST?

IT
WOULD
BE
TERRI-
FYING...
TO HAVE
ALL MY
SECRETS
LAID
BARE.

I HAVE
ALWAYS
BEEN
ISOLATED.
SO I AM
UNCERTAIN.
HOW MUCH I
CAN TRULY
EXPECT HER
TO SHARE
WITH ME?



WHAT
SHALL
I DO?



ACHOO!



IT'S
COLD...

I
SUPPOSE
I SHOULD
PUT ON
A COAT.



IS IT
TIME FOR
DINNER
ALREADY?

AW!

LADY
ALICE.



THANK
YOU.

YOU
ARE
RIGHT.

AND
IT HAS
BECOME
CHILLY
OUT
HERE...

IT
IS.

Here's
your
stole.



FLINCH

!!!

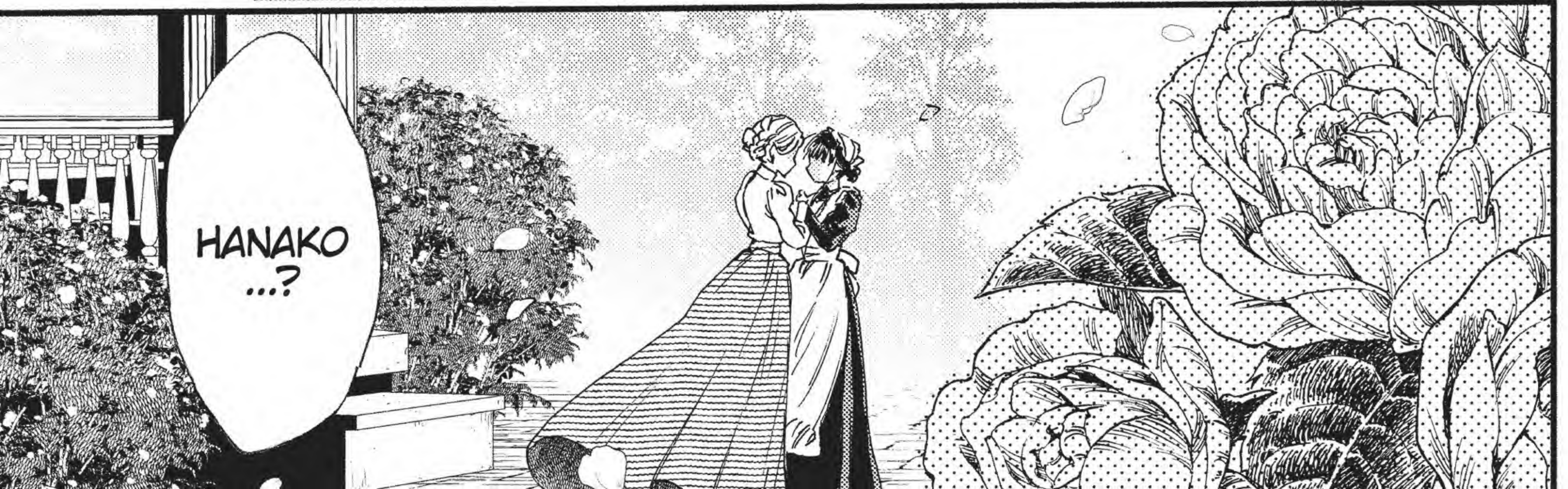


!!!

YOU ARE
THE ONE
WHO HAS
CAUGHT
A CHILL!

OH
DEAR,
HANA-
KO...

Hee
hee!





I WANT
TO KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT
YOU.



HANAKO...

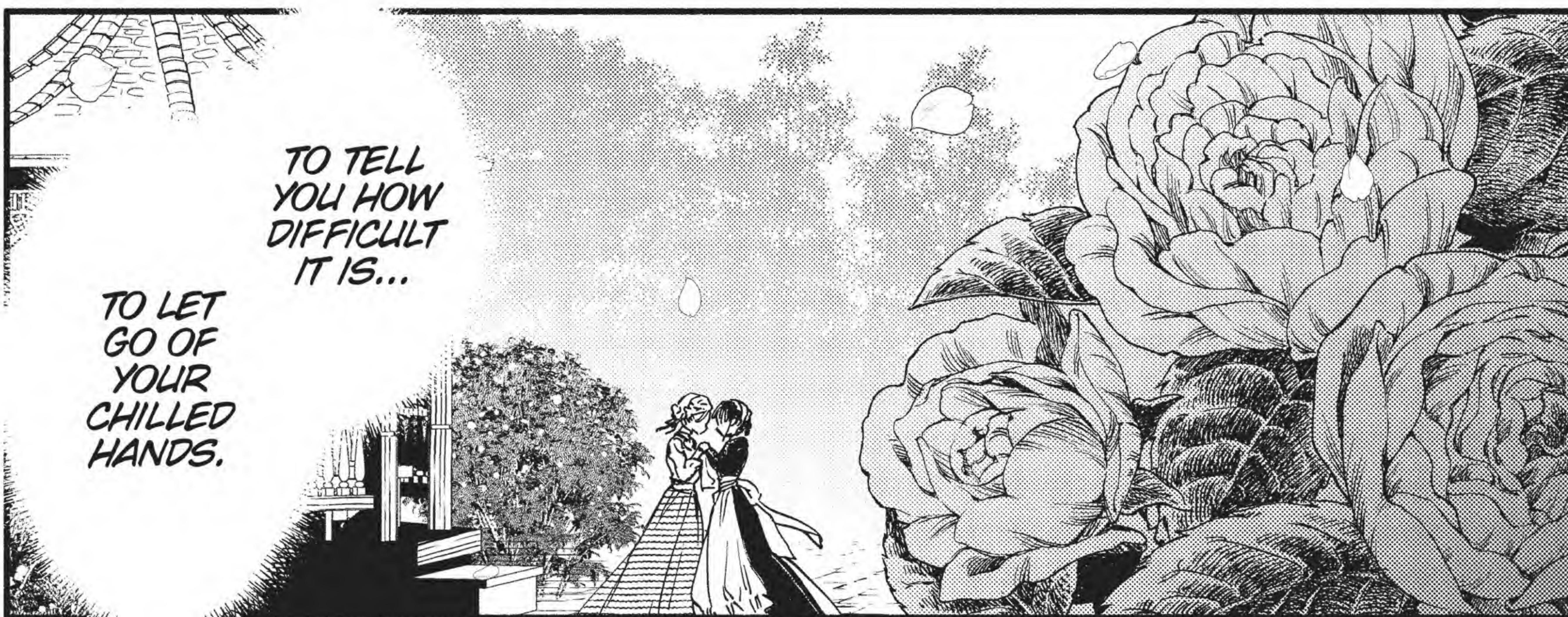
I...

I AM
AFRAID
TO ASK
WHAT IS
TROUBLING
YOU...



EVERY ONE
OF MY
SECRETS
AND LIES.

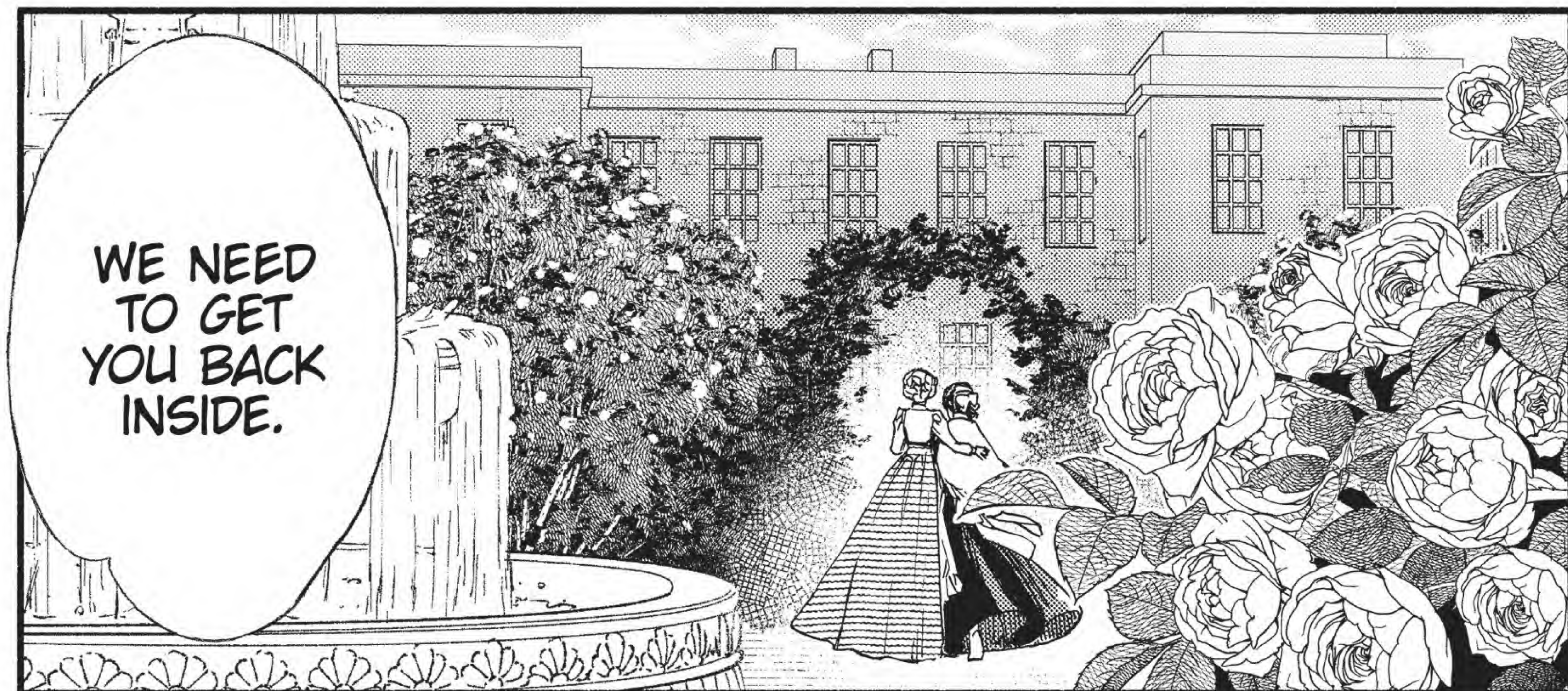
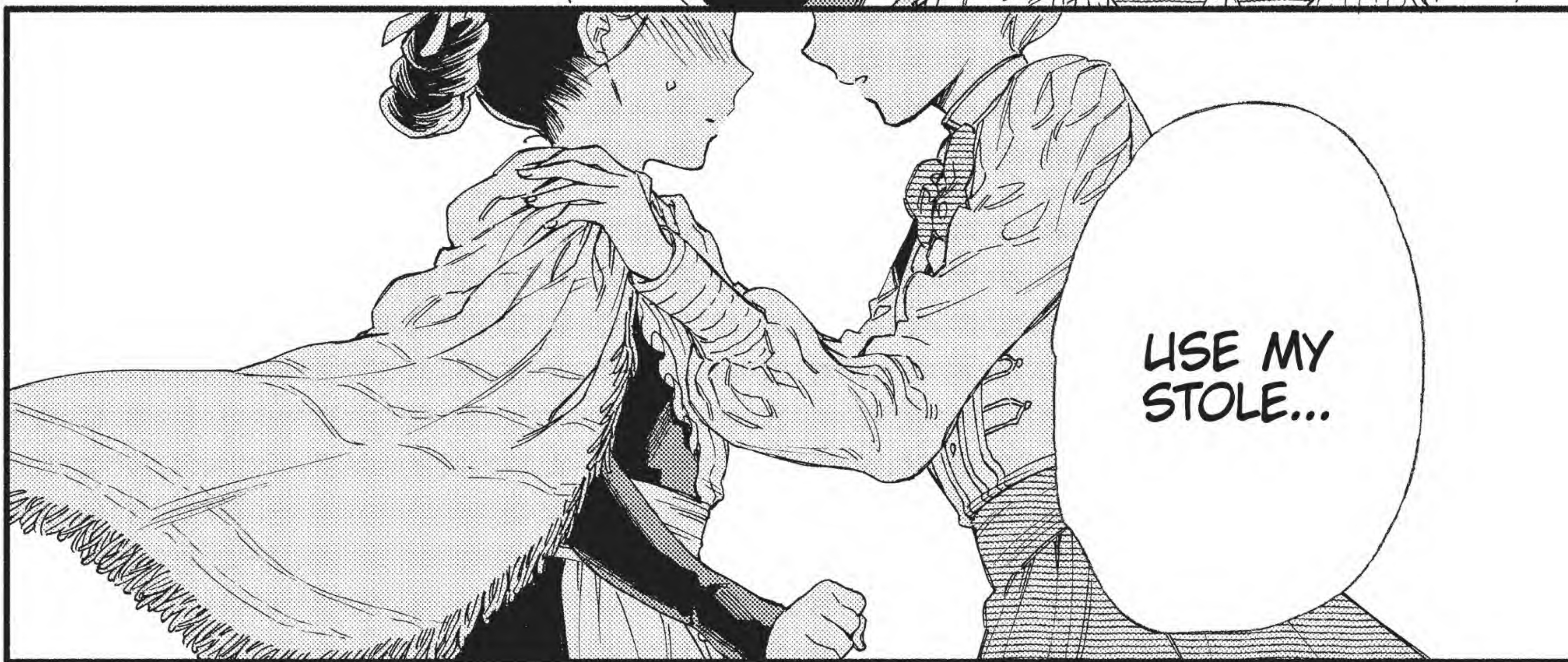
I WANT
YOU TO
KNOW...



TO TELL
YOU HOW
DIFFICULT
IT IS...

TO LET
GO OF
YOUR
CHILLED
HANDS.



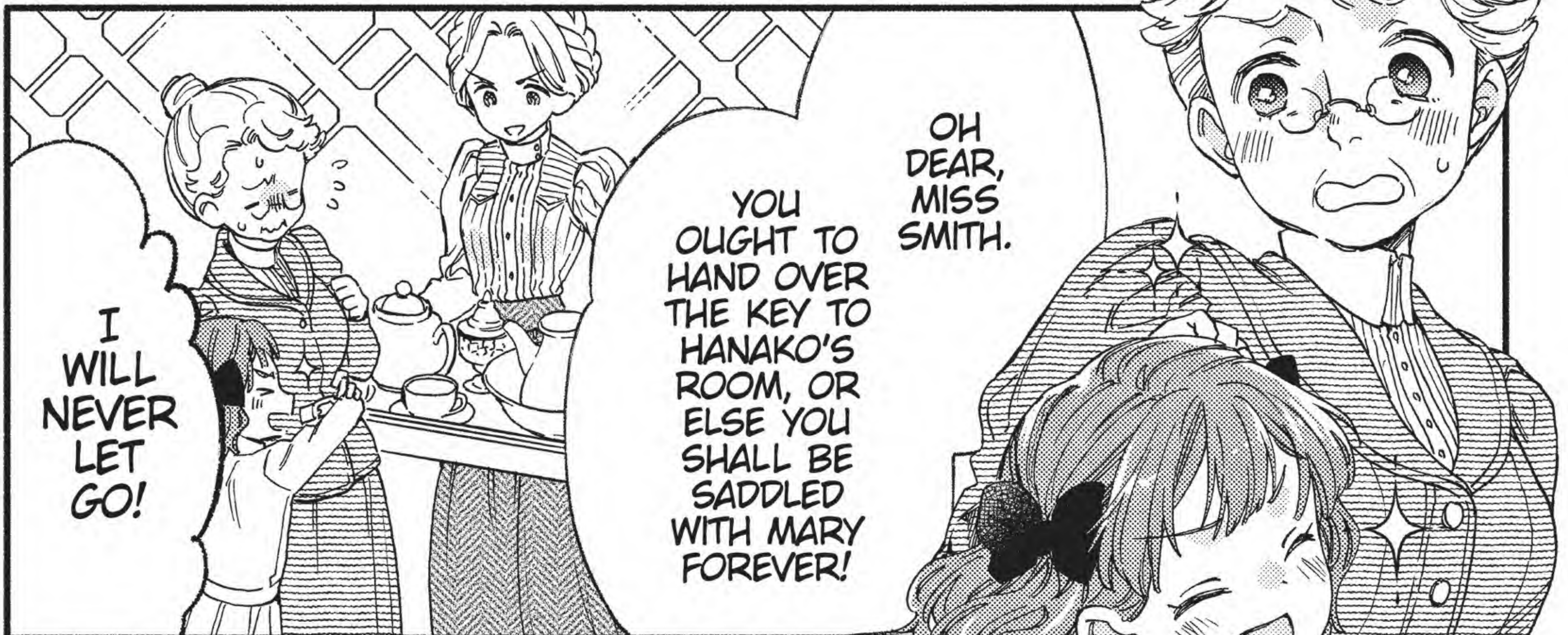


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The Flames of Cowardice Incinerate Your Heart



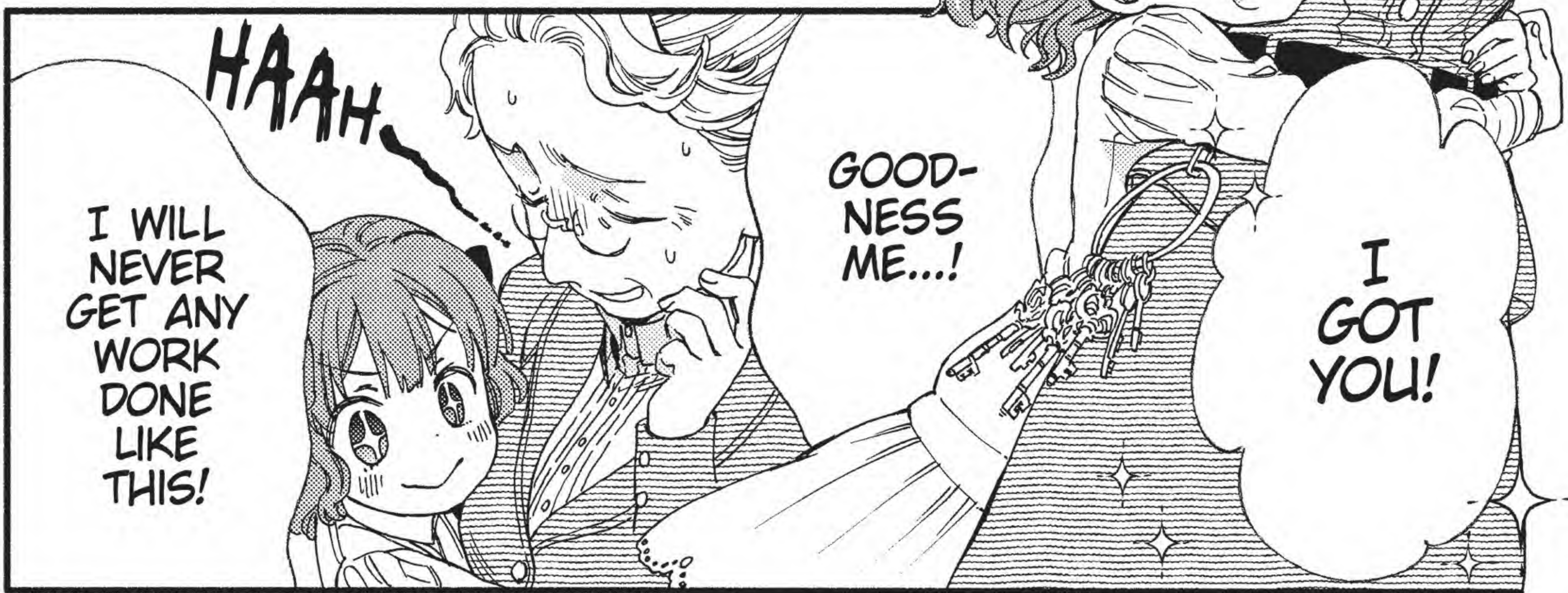




I
WILL
NEVER
LET
GO!

YOU
OUGHT TO
HAND OVER
THE KEY TO
HANAKO'S
ROOM, OR
ELSE YOU
SHALL BE
SADDLED
WITH MARY
FOREVER!

OH
DEAR,
MISS
SMITH.



I WILL
NEVER
GET ANY
WORK
DONE
LIKE
THIS!

HAAH

GOOD-
NESS
ME...!

I
GOT
YOU!



AND
THANK
YOU,
MARY!



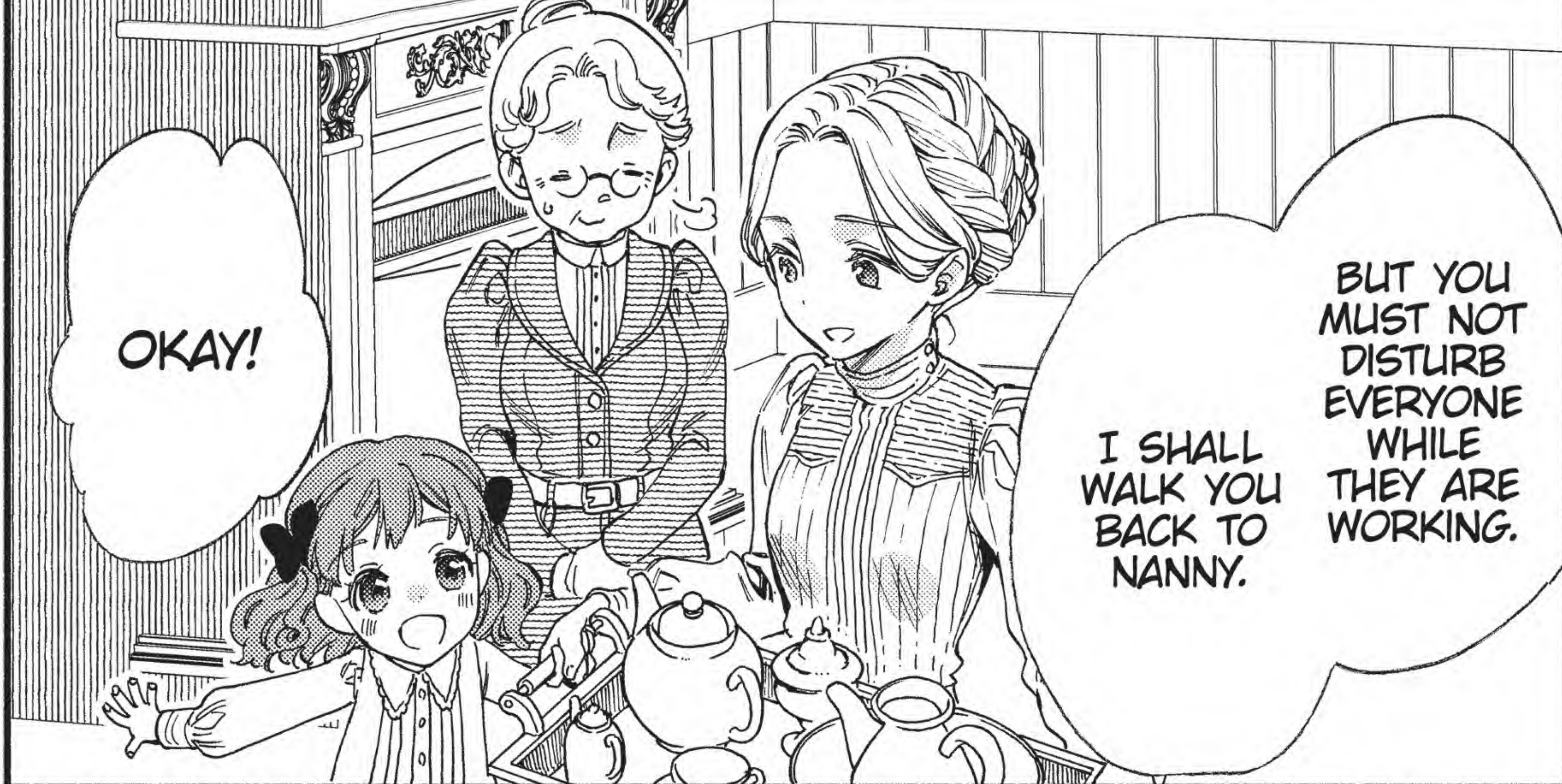
YES, I
SHALL
TAKE
CARE
NOT
TO.

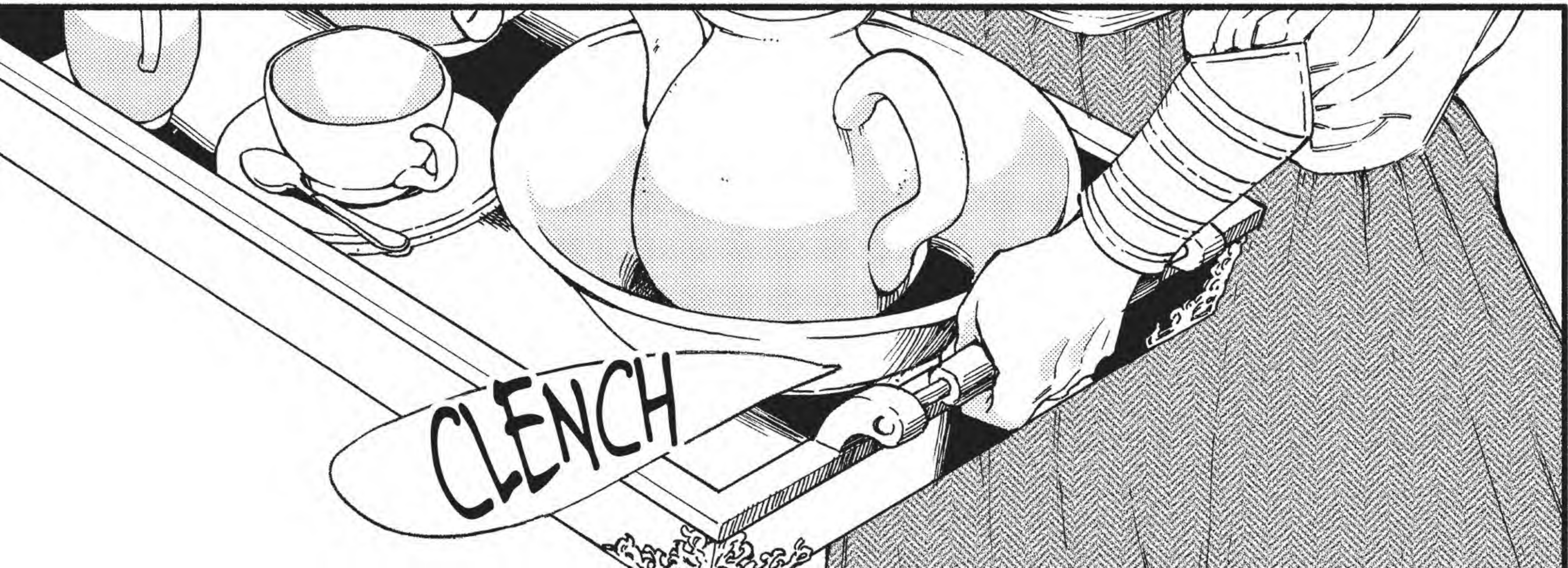
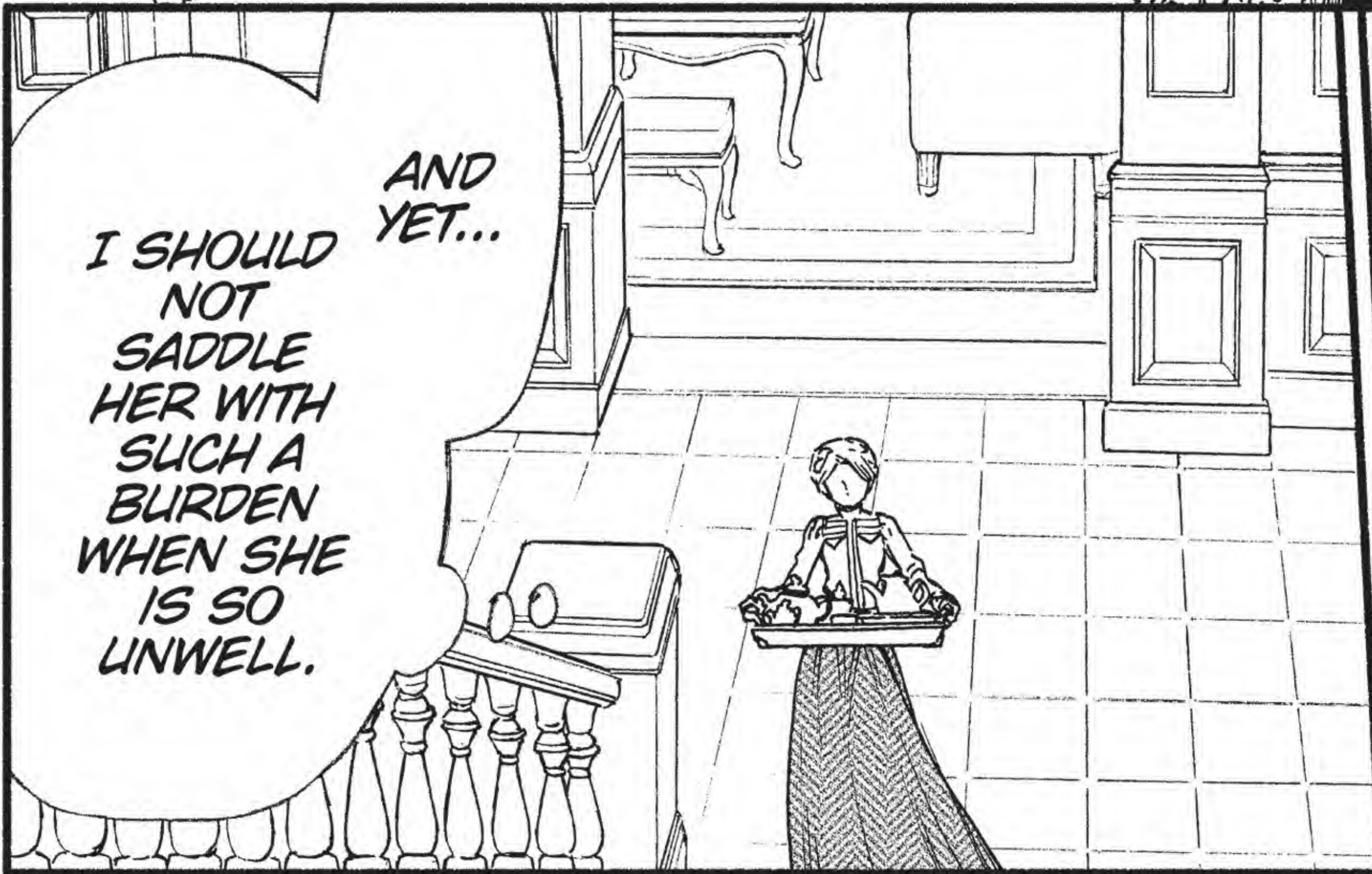
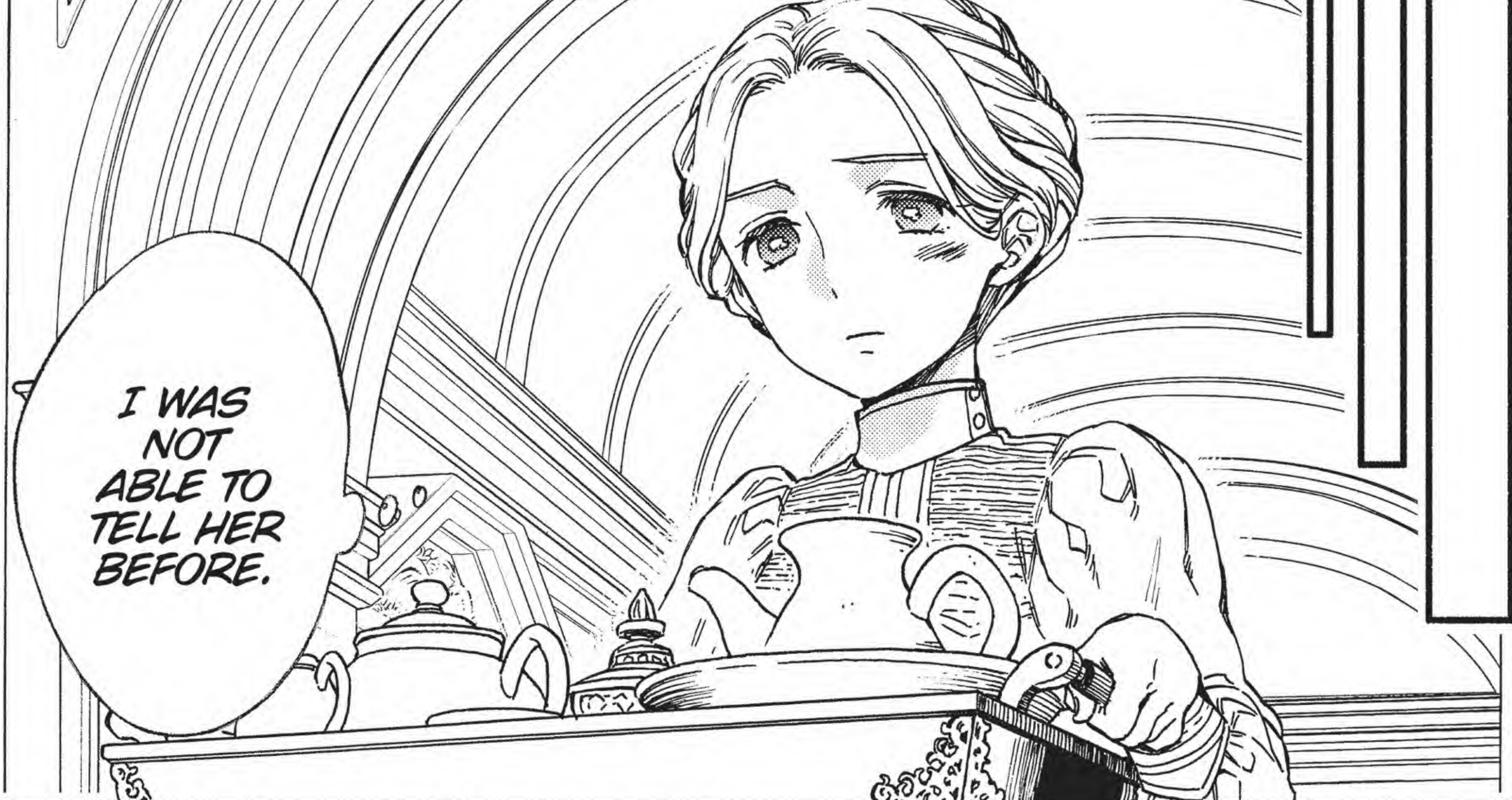
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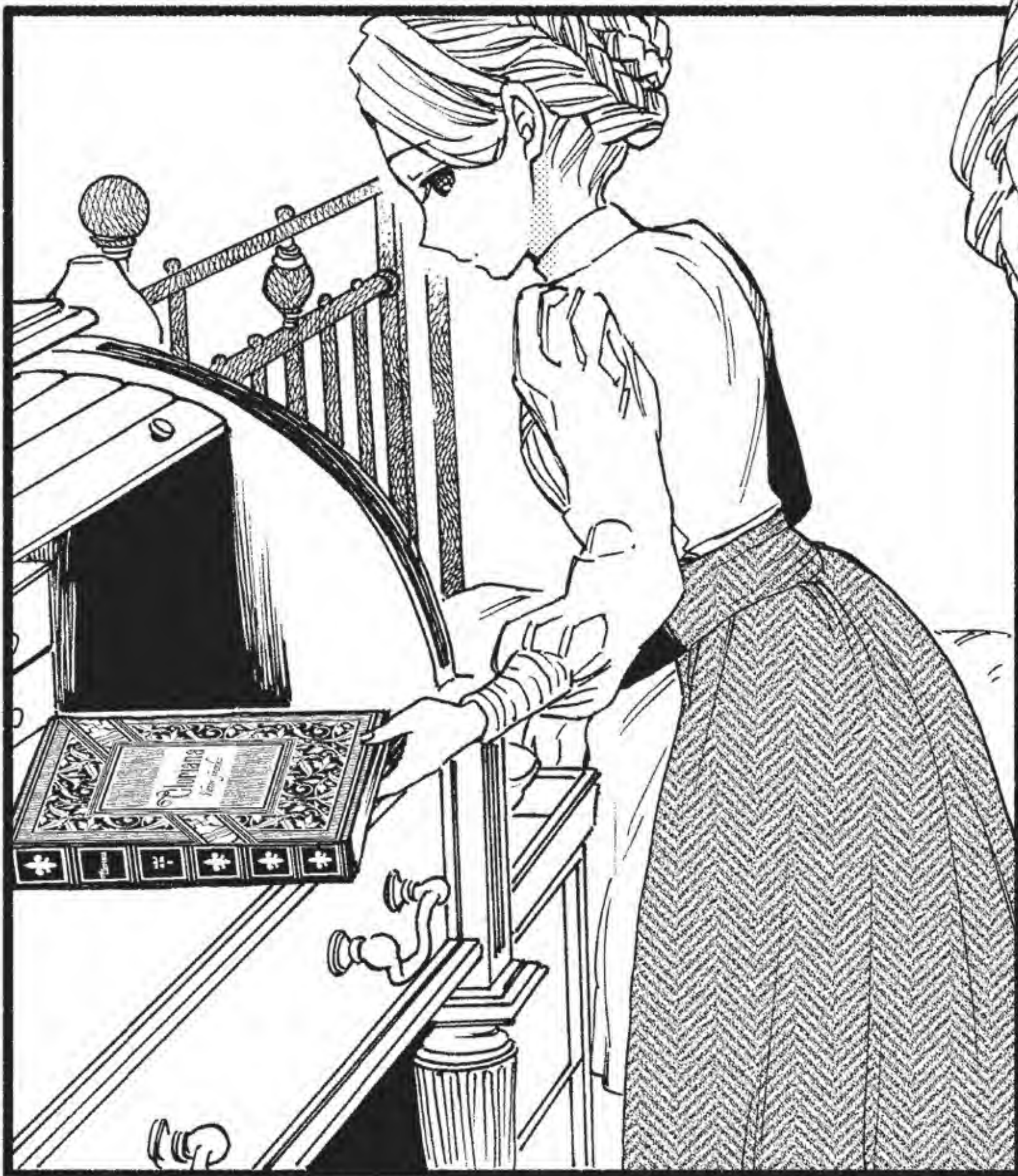
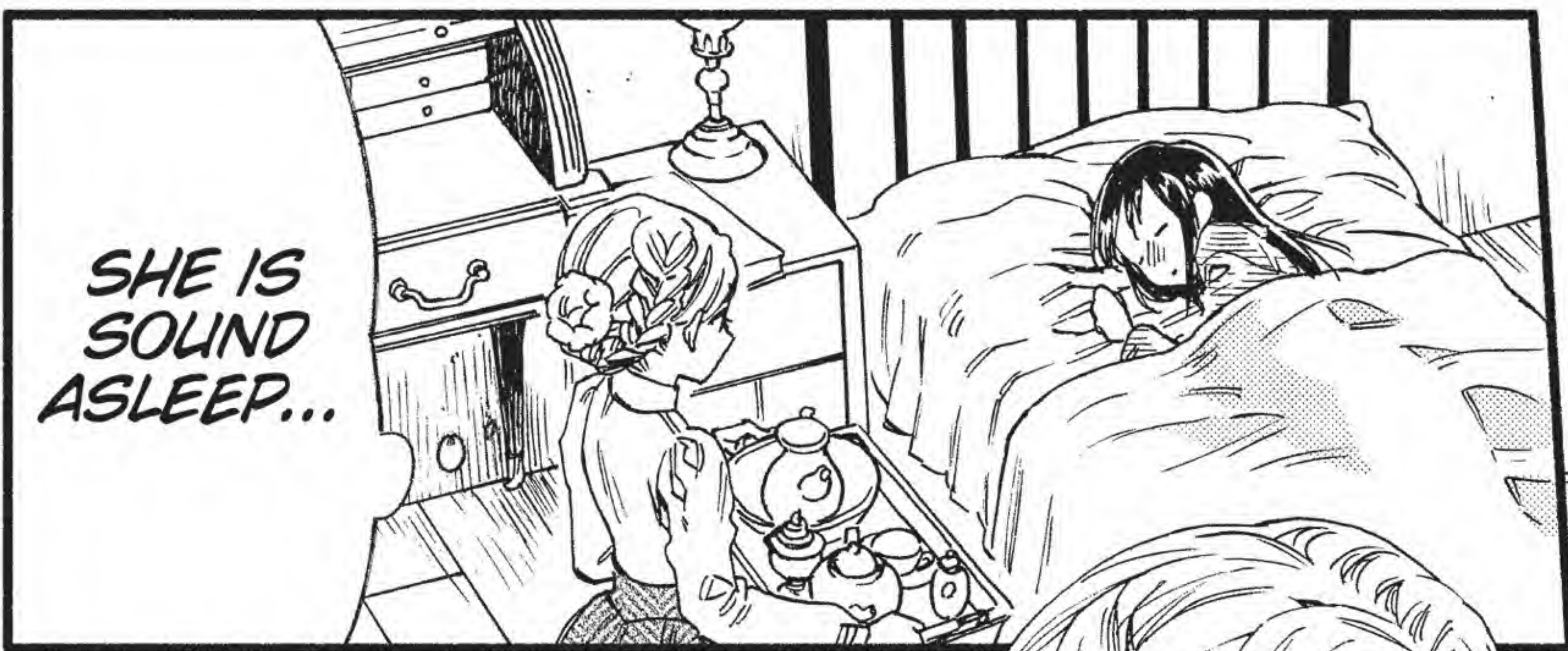
ALL
I ASK
IS THAT
YOU NOT
STAY TOO
LONG.

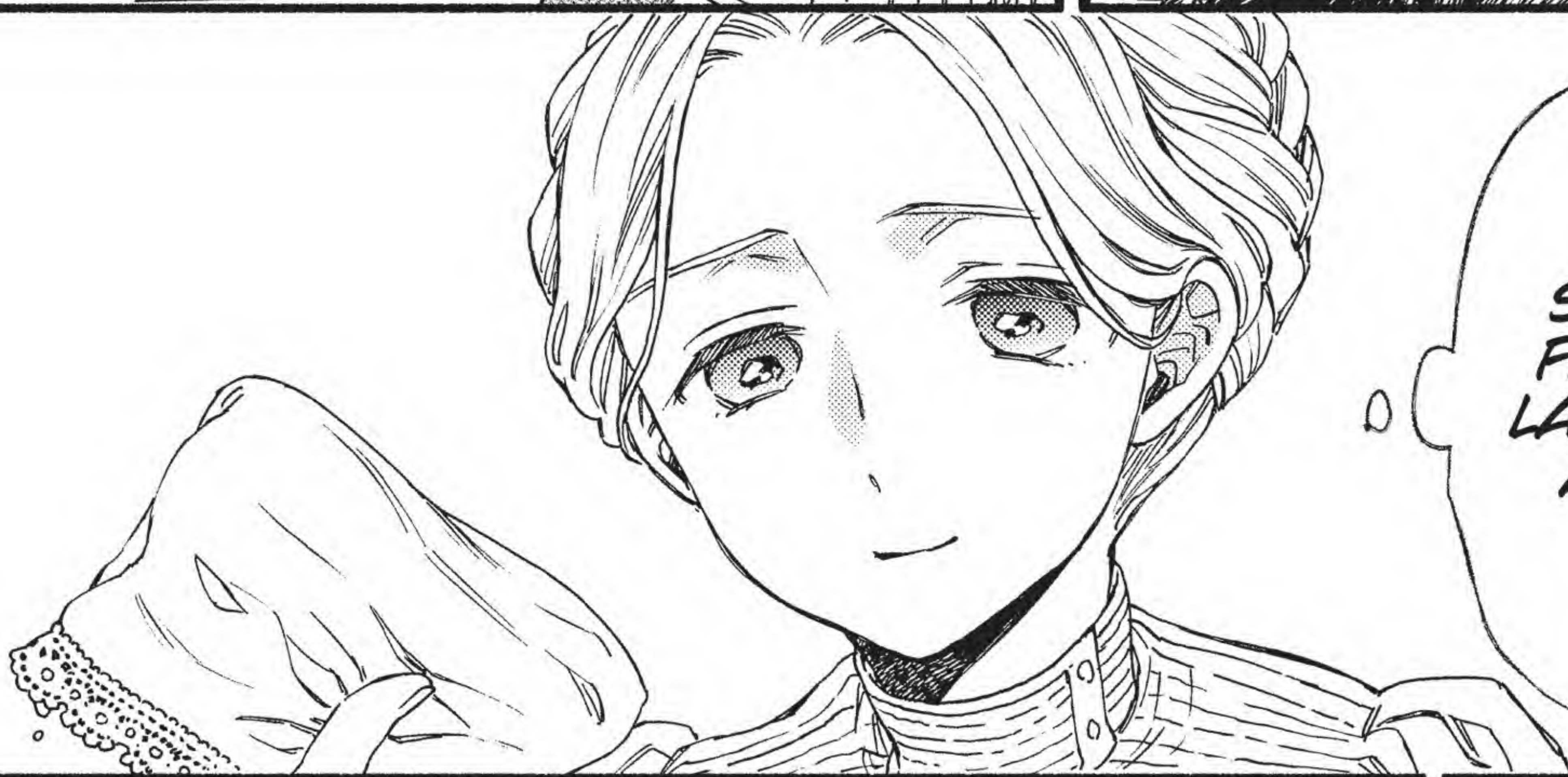
VERY
WELL, IT
SEEMS
I HAVE
NO
CHOICE.

JINGLE
JINGLE





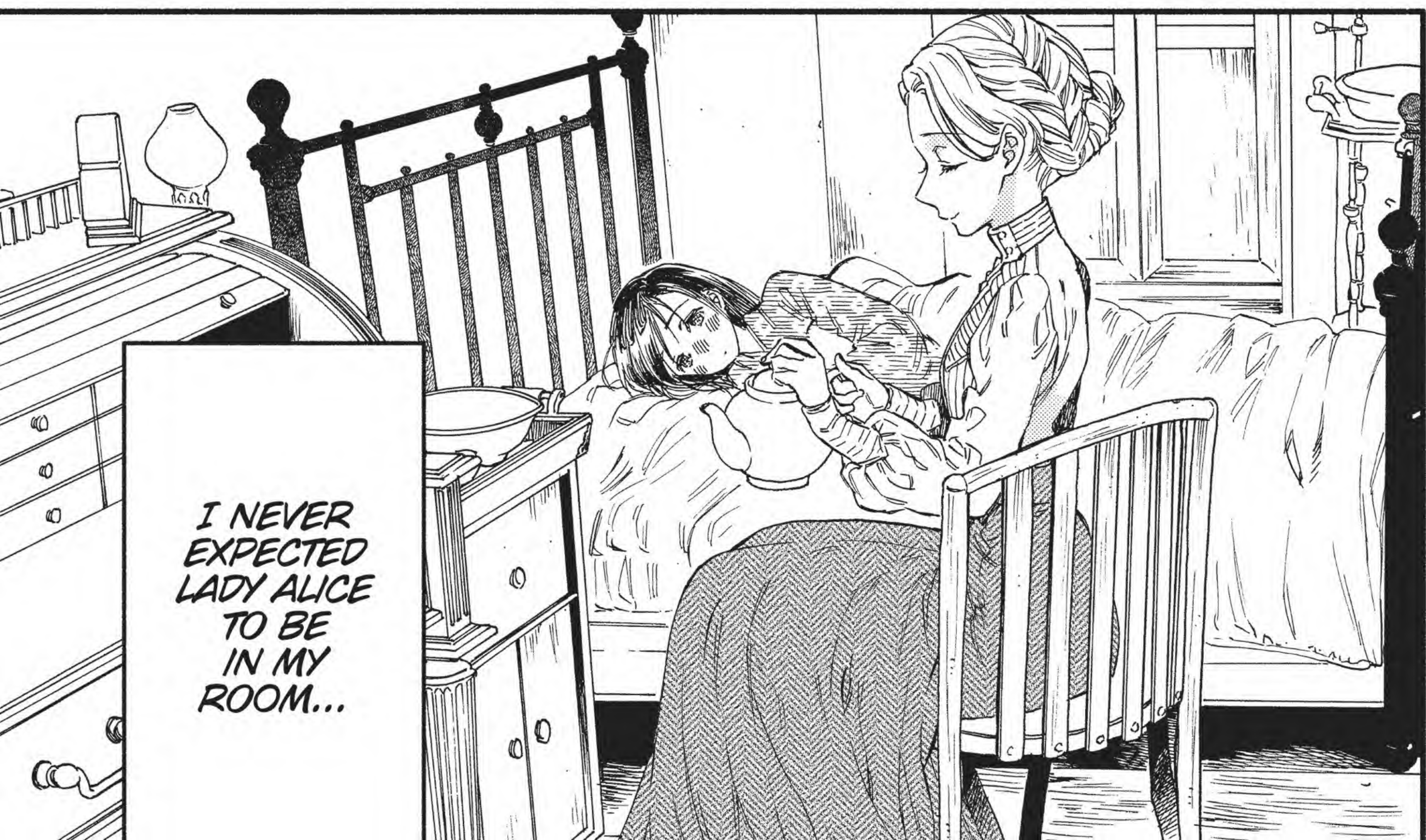
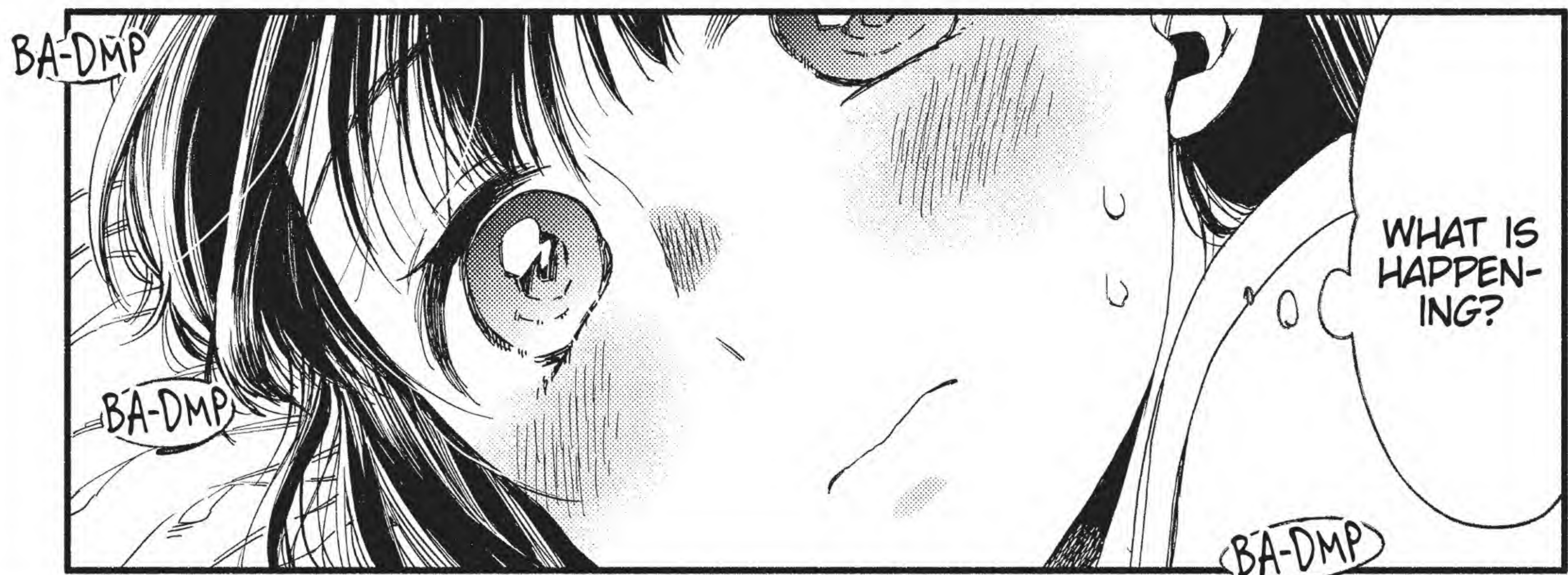






PLEASE, LIE BACK DOWN!







I WAS SO
WORRIED
THAT SHE
WOULD
FIND
OUT HOW
I FEEL.

WHEN SHE
TOUCHED
MY HANDS,
BACK IN
THE ROSE
GARDEN...



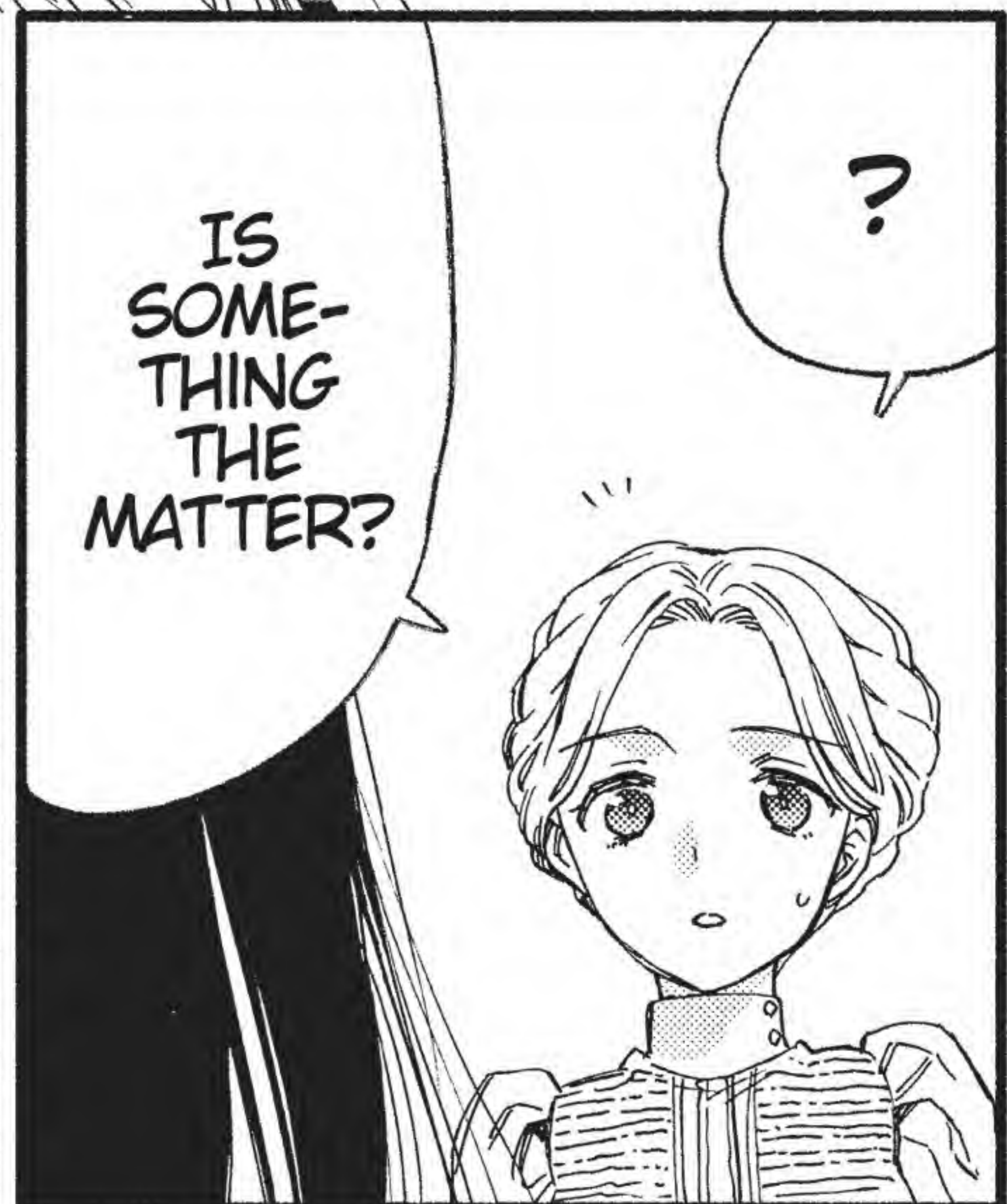
WHAT
LOVELY
HANDS...



SHE WAS
TRYING TO
TELL ME
SOMETHING.

BUT...

I
THINK...





YOU
MUST
TRULY
TREASURE
THAT
BOOK.

FOR
YOU TO
BE SO
UPSET...

IT
IS ON
YOUR
DESK.



SHE
DID NOT
SEE THE
INSCRIPTION.

I AM
GLAD...



BA-DMP

YES,
I
DO...



BA-DMP

I
MUST
TELL
HER
SOON.

TO BE
SO
RELIEVED
BY HER
SMILE?



AM
I SO
AWFUL
...



NOW,
REST
WELL.

I SHALL
REMAIN
AT YOUR
SIDE UNTIL
YOU FALL
ASLEEP.



ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

PERHAPS
YOU
OUGHT
TO LIE
DOWN?



KIND,
GENTLE
LADY
ALICE.



I WANT
TO FEEL
THE
GENTLE
TOUCH
OF HER
HAND...

FOR AS
LONG AS
I CAN...

HER
HAND
IS SO
COOL...

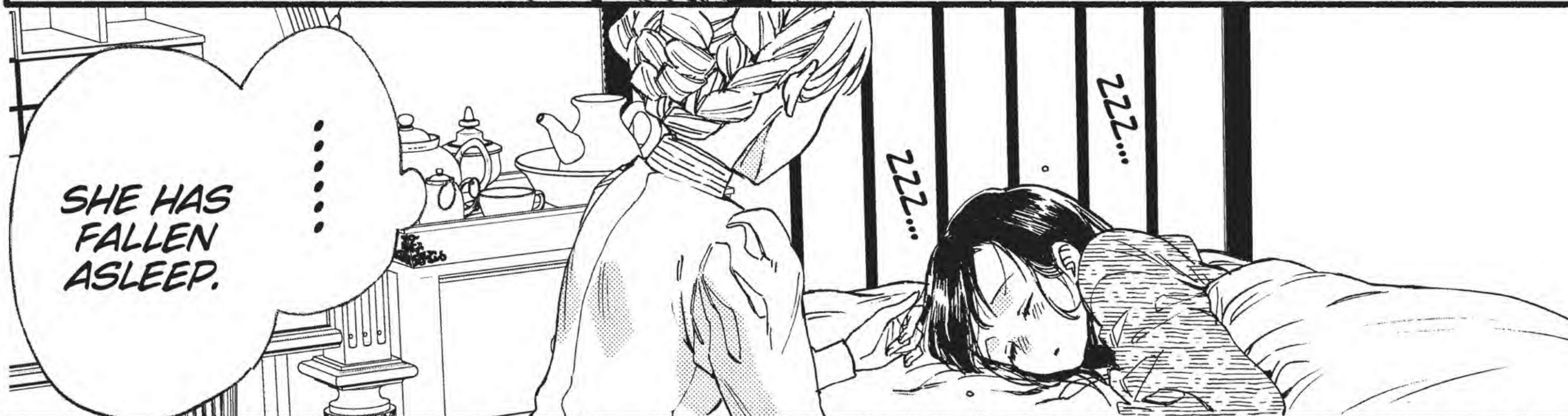


BUT I
MUST
TELL
HER.



I
JUST...

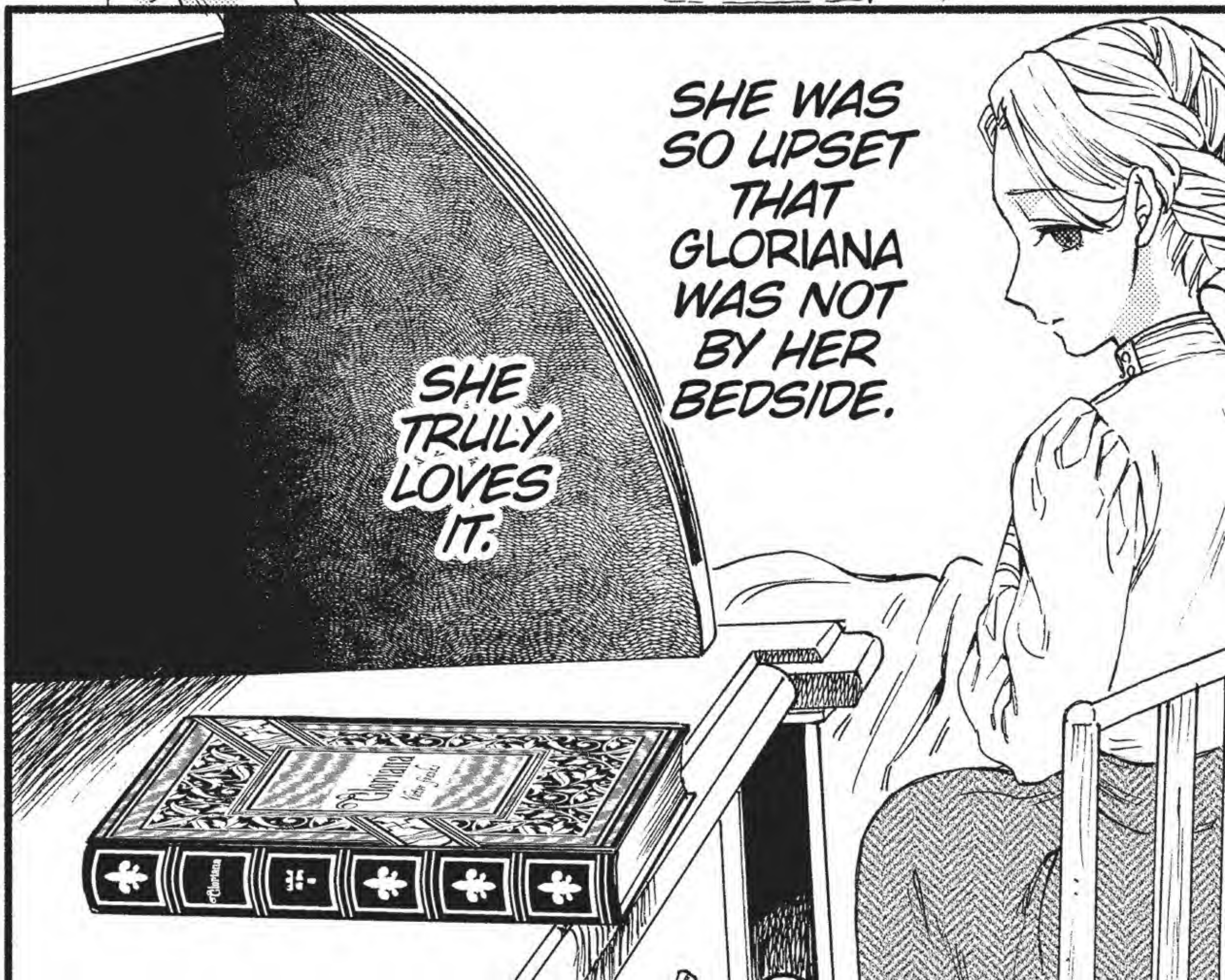
NEED
A
LITTLE
MORE
TIME.



...
SHE HAS
FALLEN
ASLEEP.

zzz...

zzz...



SHE WAS
SO UPSET
THAT
GLORIANA
WAS NOT
BY HER
BEDSIDE.

SHE
TRULY
LOVES
IT.



HOW
SHOULD
I TELL
HER?



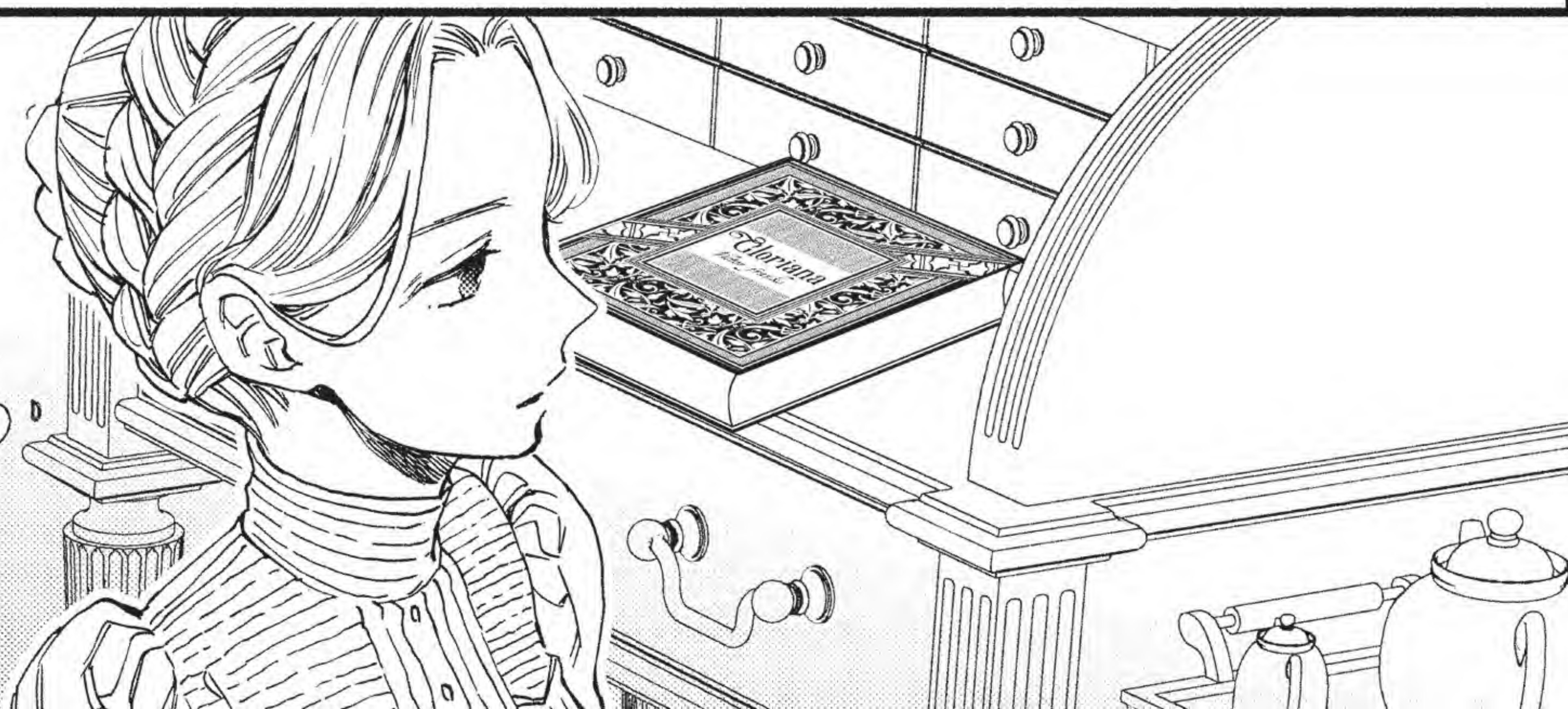
I DO NOT
WISH TO
DISILLUSION
HER.

BUT I
DO NOT
WISH TO
DECEIVE
HER,
EITHER...

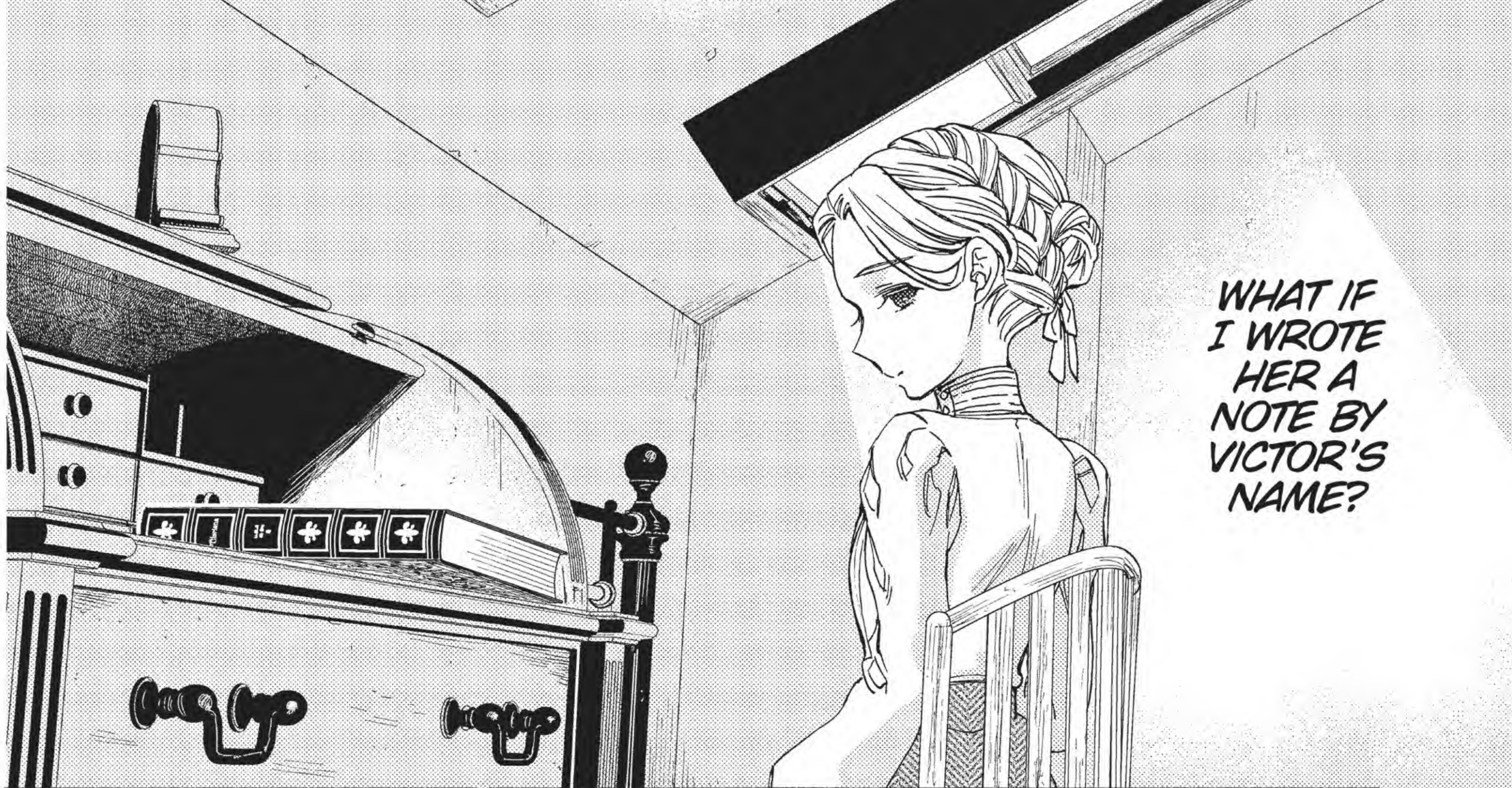


BUT YOUR
ABILITY TO
INSPIRE
ACTION IS
INFINITELY
MORE
REMARK-
ABLE.

I MAY
BE ABLE
TO PEN
HUNDREDS
OF
WORDS...



THERE
IS AN
IDEA...



WHAT IF
I WROTE
HER A
NOTE BY
VICTOR'S
NAME?



PERHAPS
IT SHALL
HELP HER
UNDERSTAND...

ONCE
SHE
RECOVERS...

AND
RESUMES
READING...



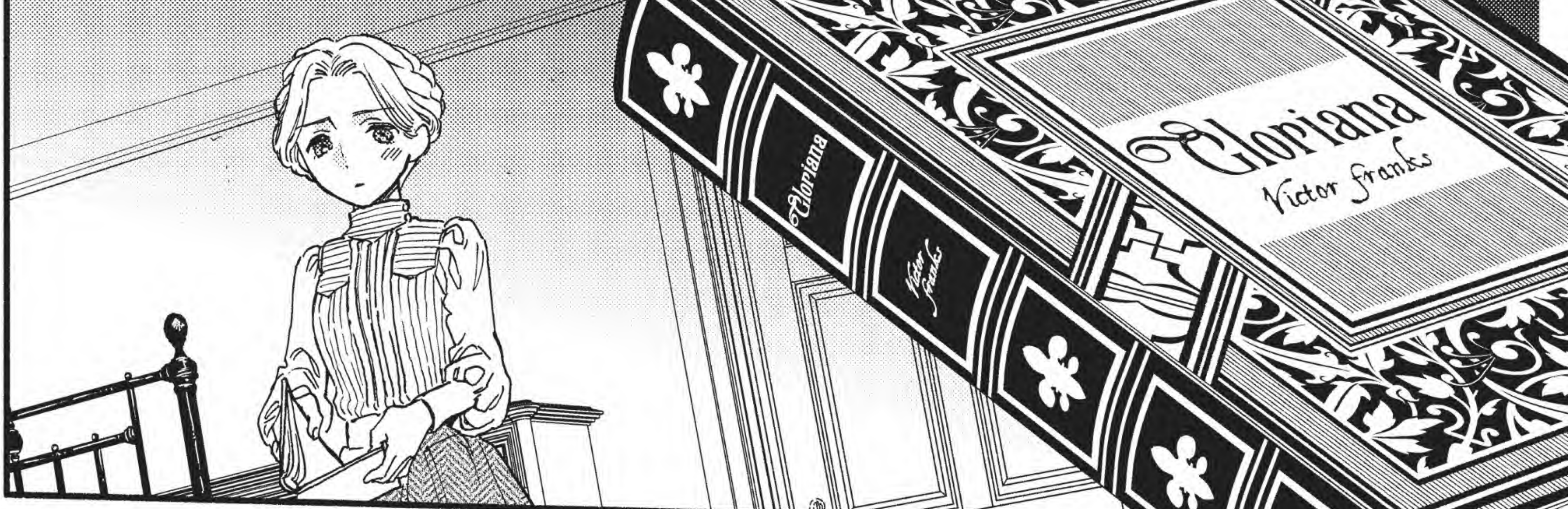
I AM
CERTAIN
SHE WILL
UNDER-
STAND.

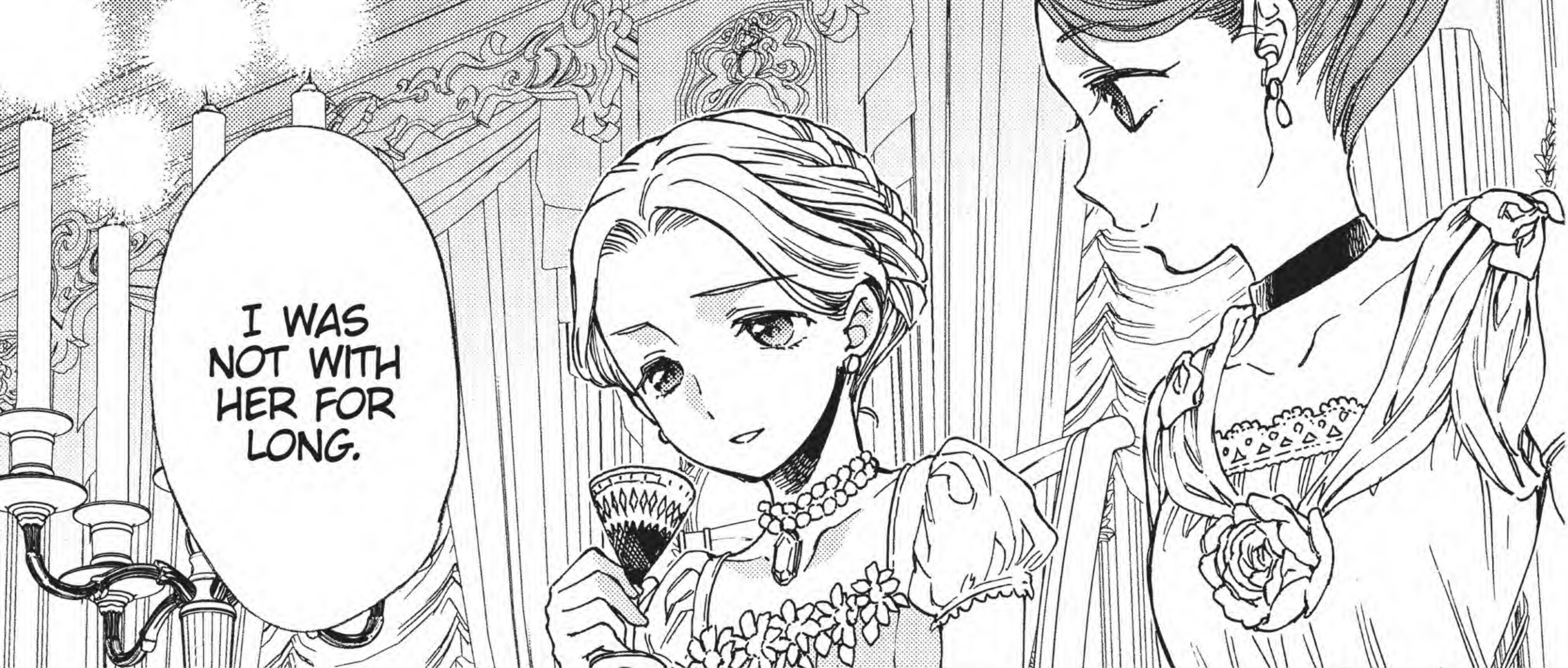
NO...



IT
MATTERS
NOT IF
EVERYTHING
FALLS
APART...

AS
LONG AS
I CAN BE
HONEST
WITH YOU.





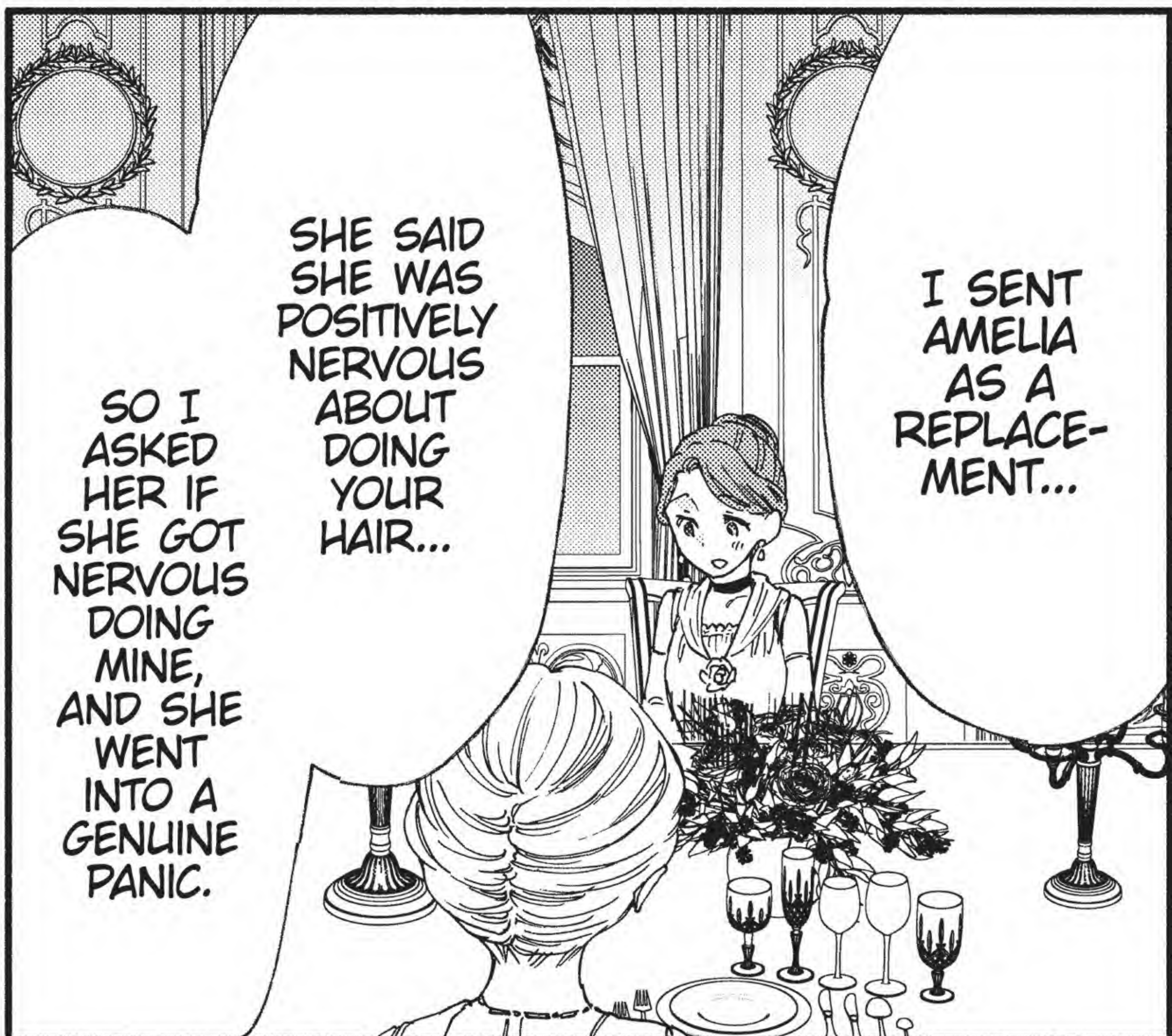
I WAS
NOT WITH
HER FOR
LONG.



No,
that isn't
what I
meant!

Hee
hee
hee!

THAT
FACE SHE
MAKES IS
A WORK
OF ART.



SHE SAID
SHE WAS
POSITIVELY
NERVOUS
ABOUT
DOING
YOUR
HAIR...

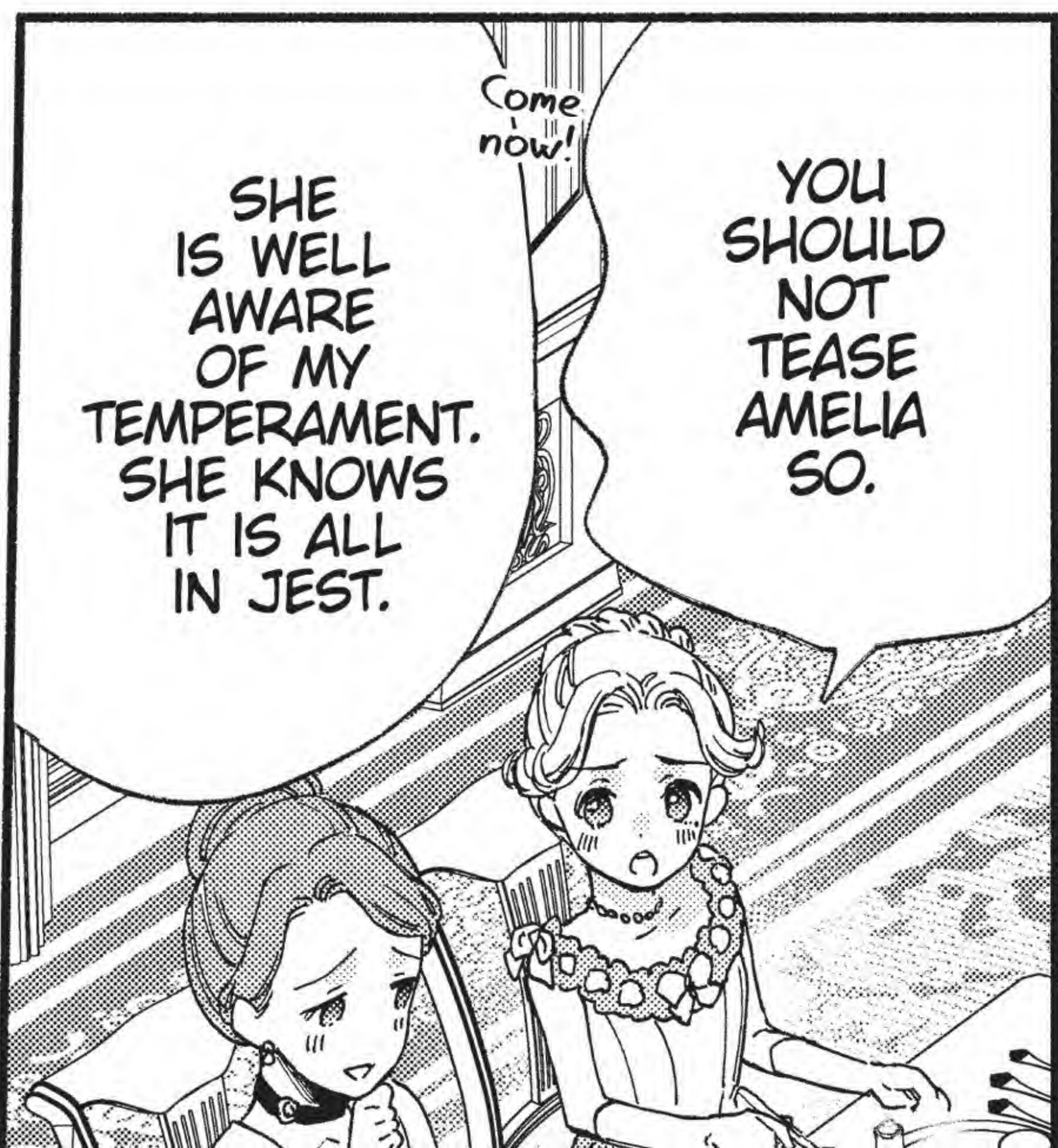
SO I
ASKED
HER IF
SHE GOT
NERVOUS
DOING
MINE,
AND SHE
WENT
INTO A
GENUINE
PANIC.

I SENT
AMELIA
AS A
REPLACE-
MENT...



Ahem.

YOU
GIRLS
REALLY
SHOULD
BE MORE
COGNIZANT
OF YOUR
POSITION.



Come
now!

SHE
IS WELL
AWARE
OF MY
TEMPERAMENT.
SHE KNOWS
IT IS ALL
IN JEST.

YOU
SHOULD
NOT
TEASE
AMELIA
SO.

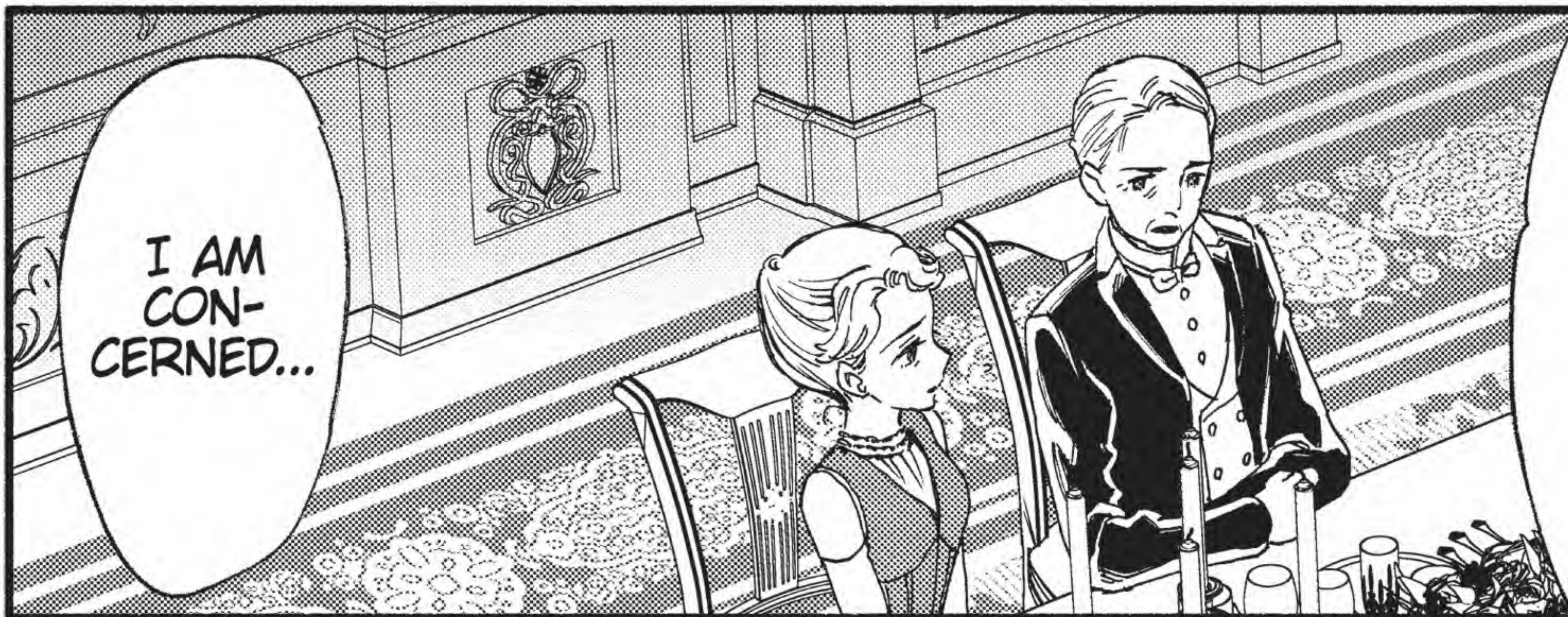


WHAT CARE-FREE LIVES YOU LEAD.



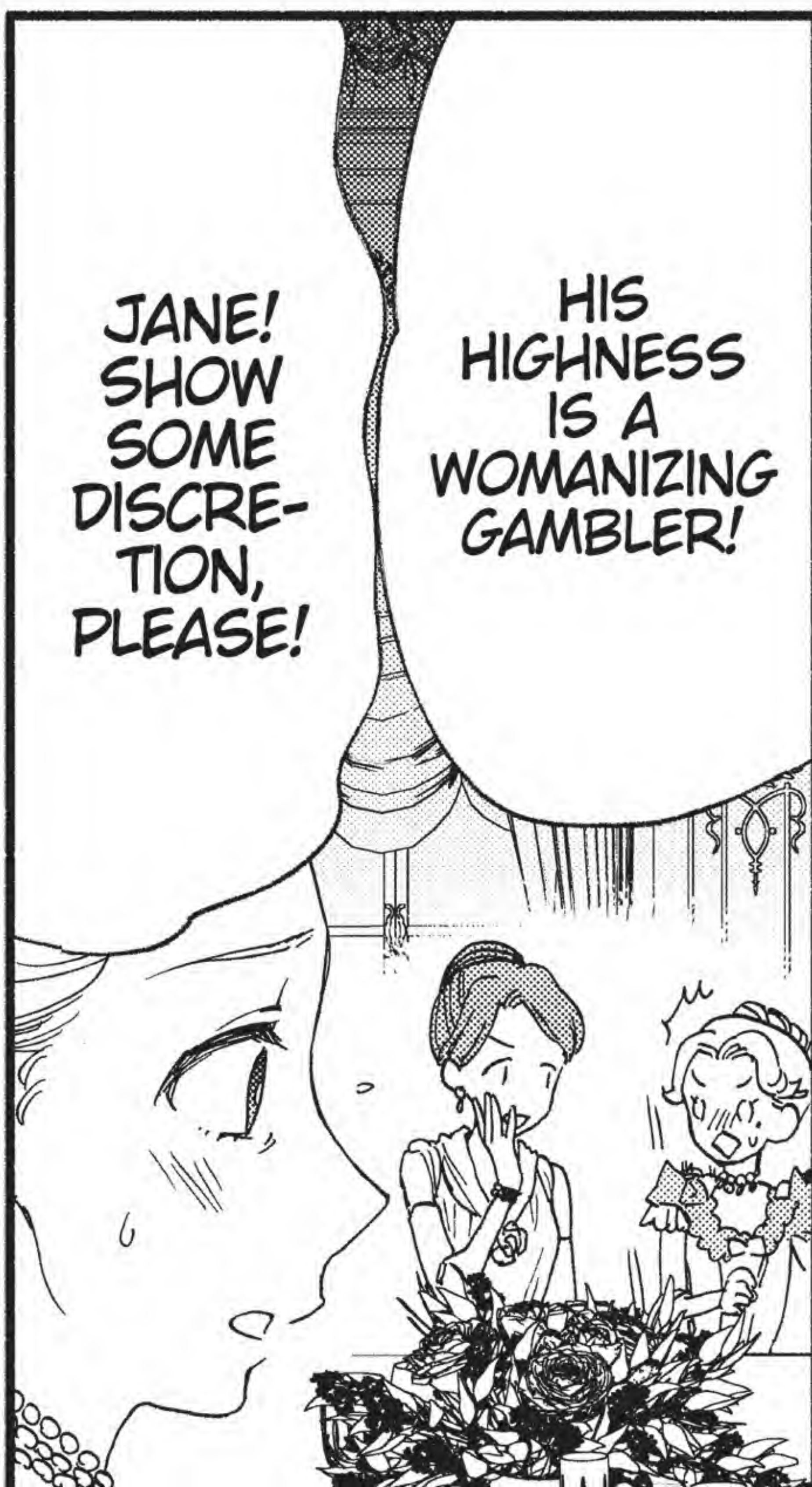
THOSE DAYS ARE COMING TO AN END.

DO YOU MEAN "NO FRATERNIZING WITH THE HELP," FATHER?



I AM CONCERNED...

I HAVE HEARD HER MAJESTY IS IN POOR HEALTH...



JANE! SHOW SOME DISCRETION, PLEASE!

HIS HIGHNESS IS A WOMANIZING GAMBLER!




WHAT IS HE LIKE?

HAVING SOMEONE LIKE THE CROWN PRINCE ASCEND THE THRONE COULD BE INTERESTING.



EDWARD
WAS
RIGHT...

"Roses
bathed
in the
strongest
light
cast the
deepest
shadows."



Honoko,
All the best
for your future,
Eliza McGovern

SHE
WAS
HIDING
SOME-
THING...



WHY DID
SHE NEVER
MENTION
MISS ELIZA?

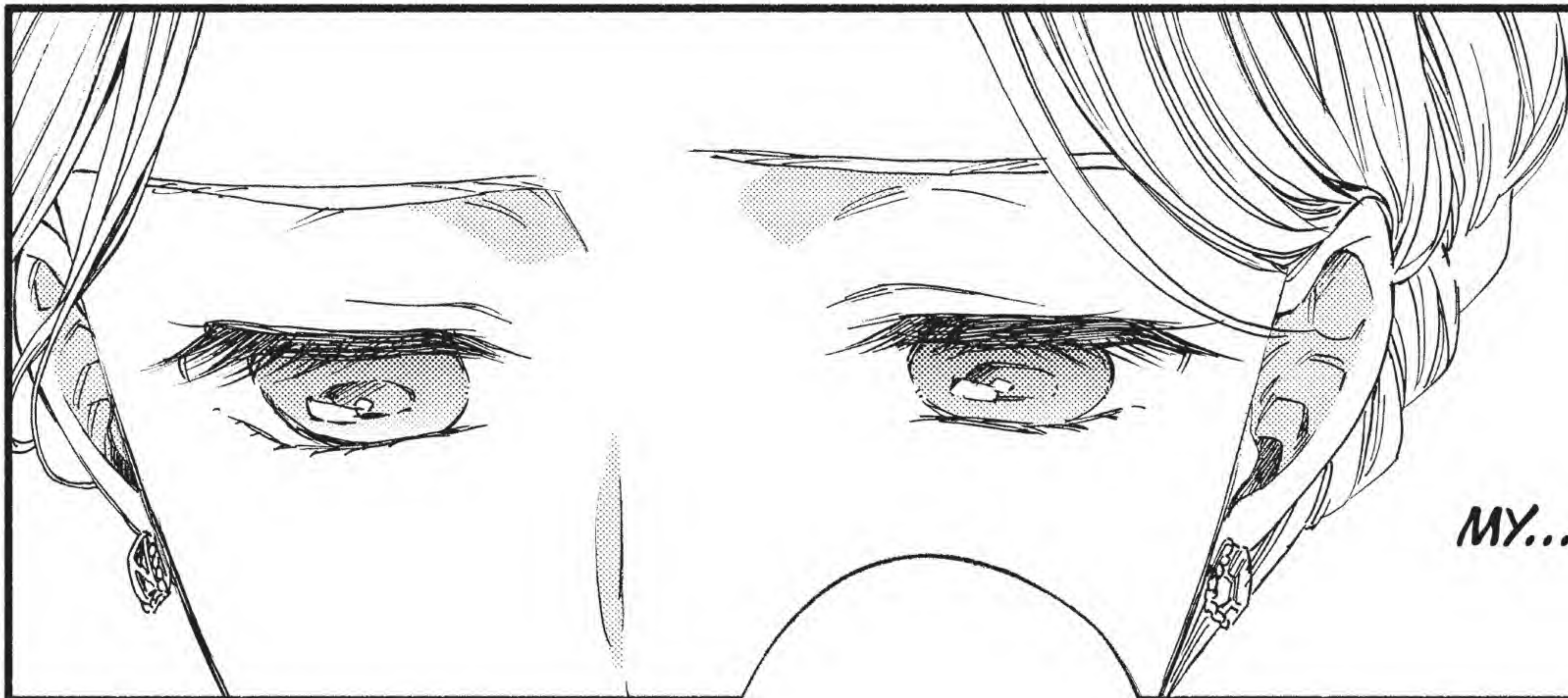
IS SHE
HERE TO
PUNISH ME
ON HER
BEHALF?



HANAKO,
WITH HER
EYES AS
RADIANT
AS THE
SUN...

NO, MISS
ELIZA WOULD
NEVER DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...

AND...



AFTER
ALL,
SHE
IS...

MY...



PEOPLE
LIKE THAT
CANNOT
BE
TRUSTED!



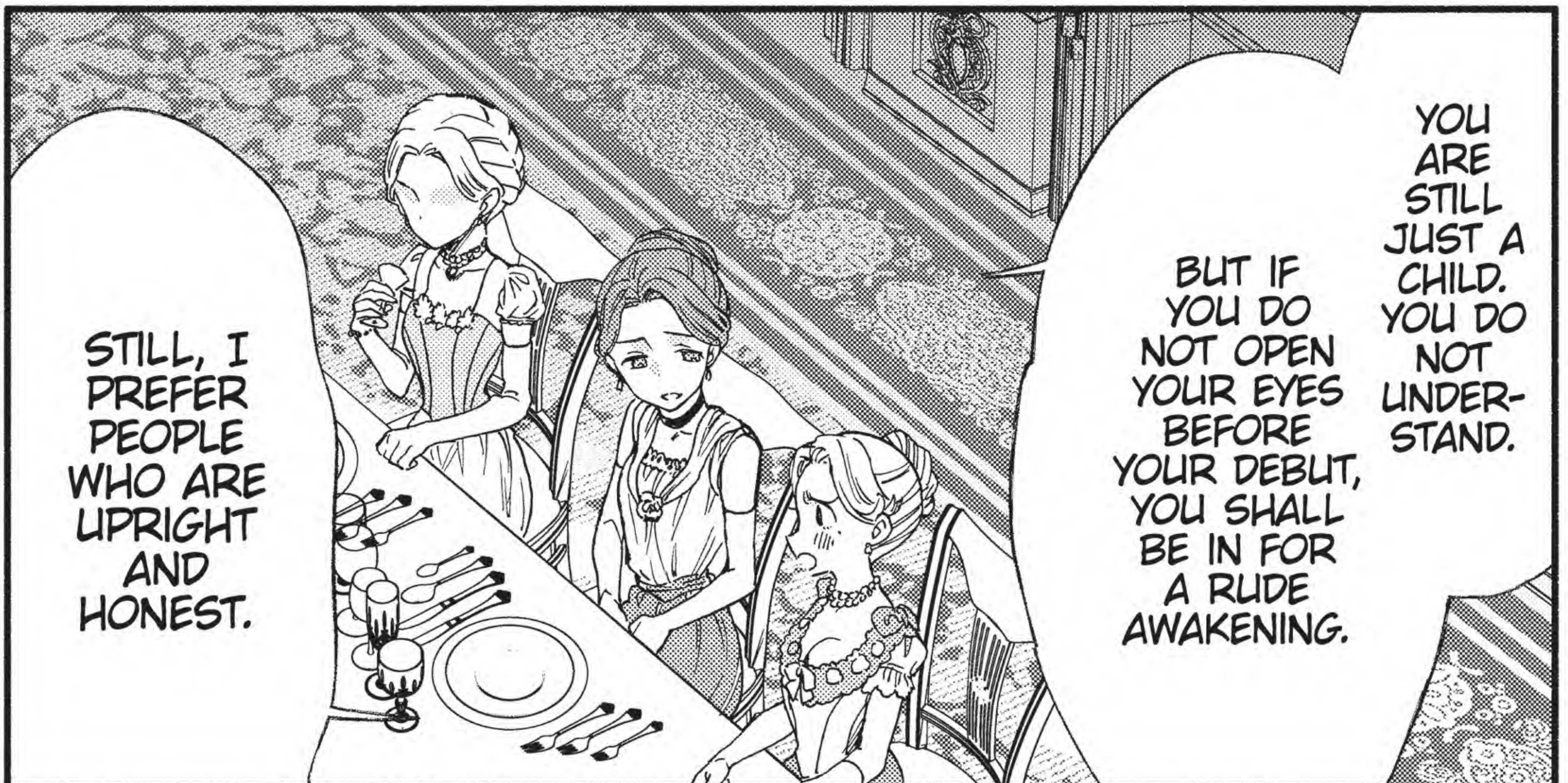
THAT IS
LITTER
NON-
SENSE!

WE
SHOULD
ALL
STRIVE
TOWARDS
VIRTUOUS
LIVES!



NO ONE
CAN BE
VIRTUOUS
AND
FORTH-
RIGHT
ALL THE
TIME,
MARG-
GARET.

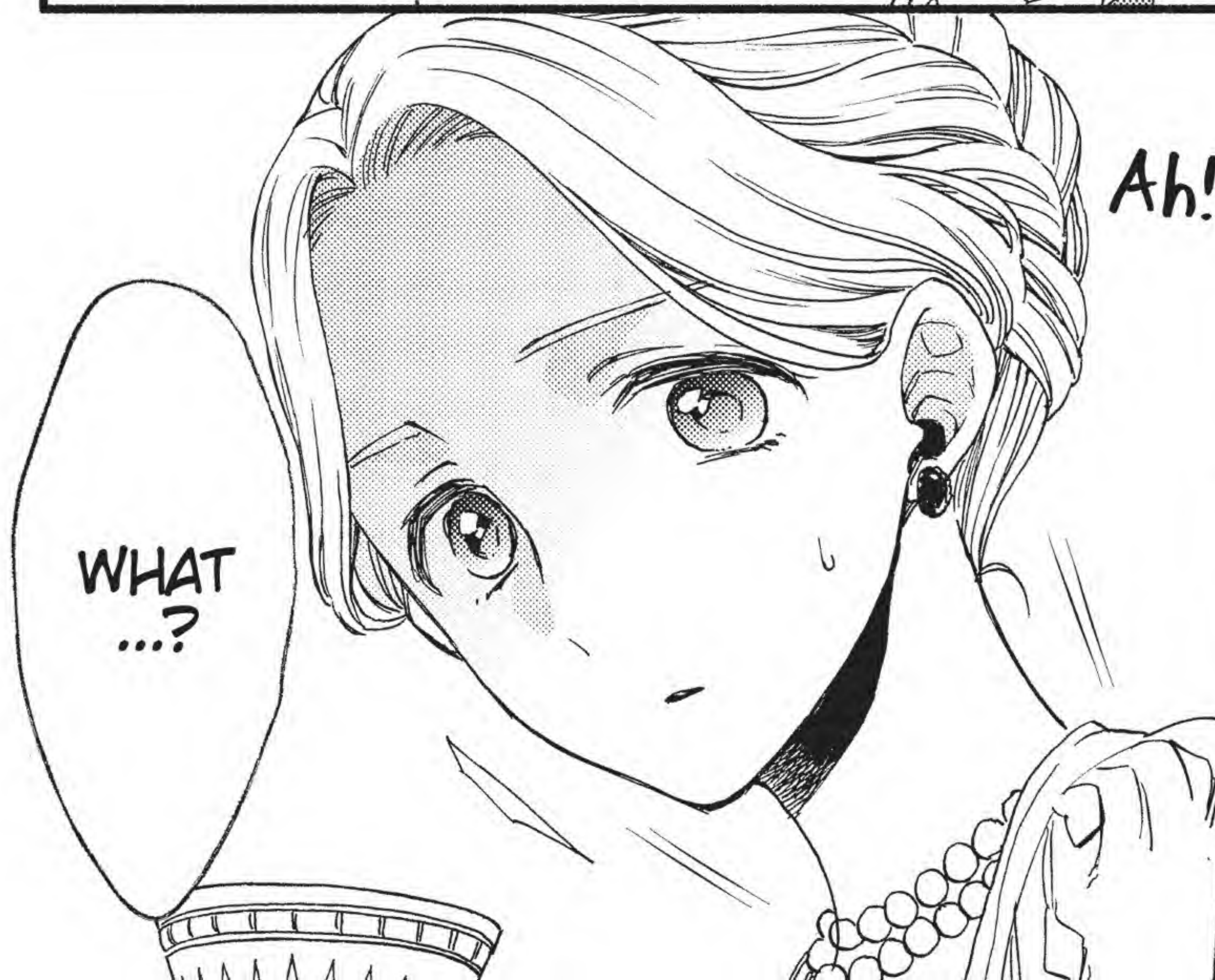
I FIND
PEOPLE
WHO
BURY
THEIR
FAULTS
FAR MORE
UNTRUST-
WORTHY.



STILL, I
PREFER
PEOPLE
WHO ARE
UPRIGHT
AND
HONEST.

BUT IF
YOU DO
NOT OPEN
YOUR EYES
BEFORE
YOUR DEBUT,
YOU SHALL
BE IN FOR
A RUDE
AWAKENING.

YOU
ARE
STILL
JUST A
CHILD.
YOU DO
NOT
UNDER-
STAND.

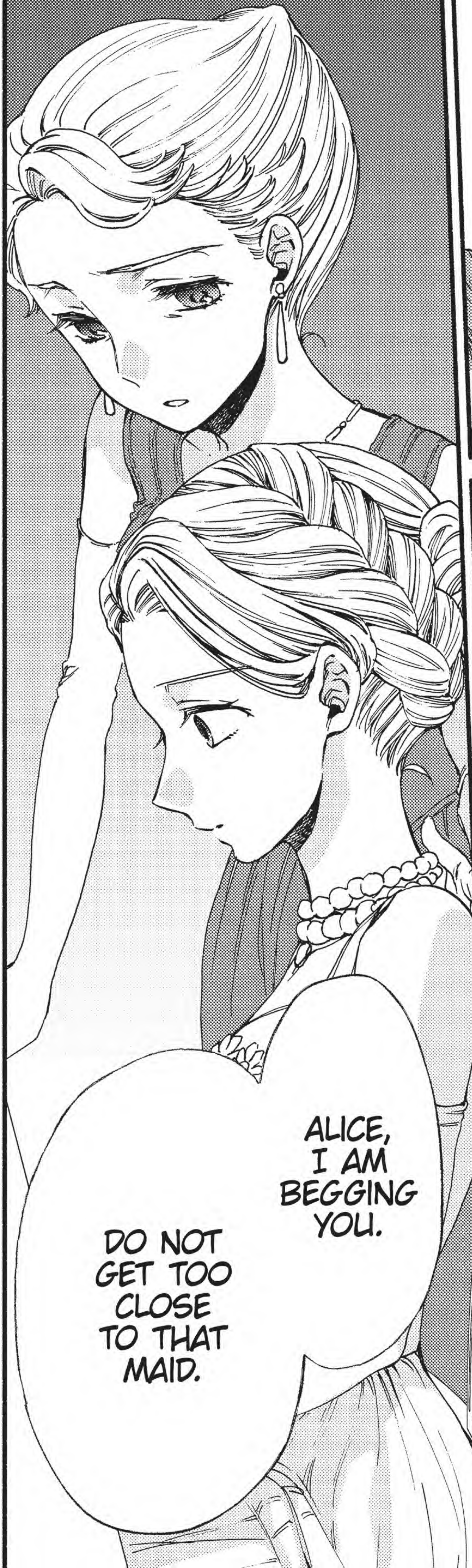


WHAT
...?

Ah!



DO
YOU NOT
AGREE,
ALICE?



DO NOT
GET TOO
CLOSE
TO THAT
MAID.

ALICE,
I AM
BEGGING
YOU.



SISTER,
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?!

CLATTER

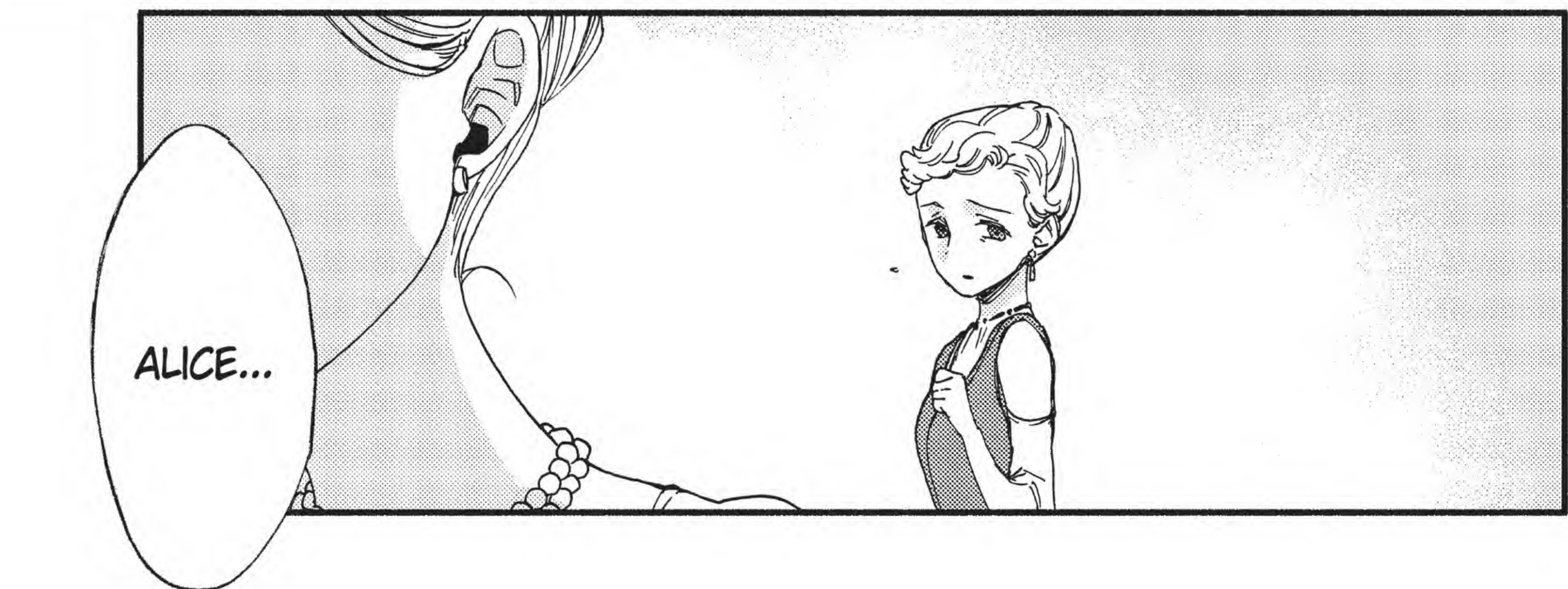
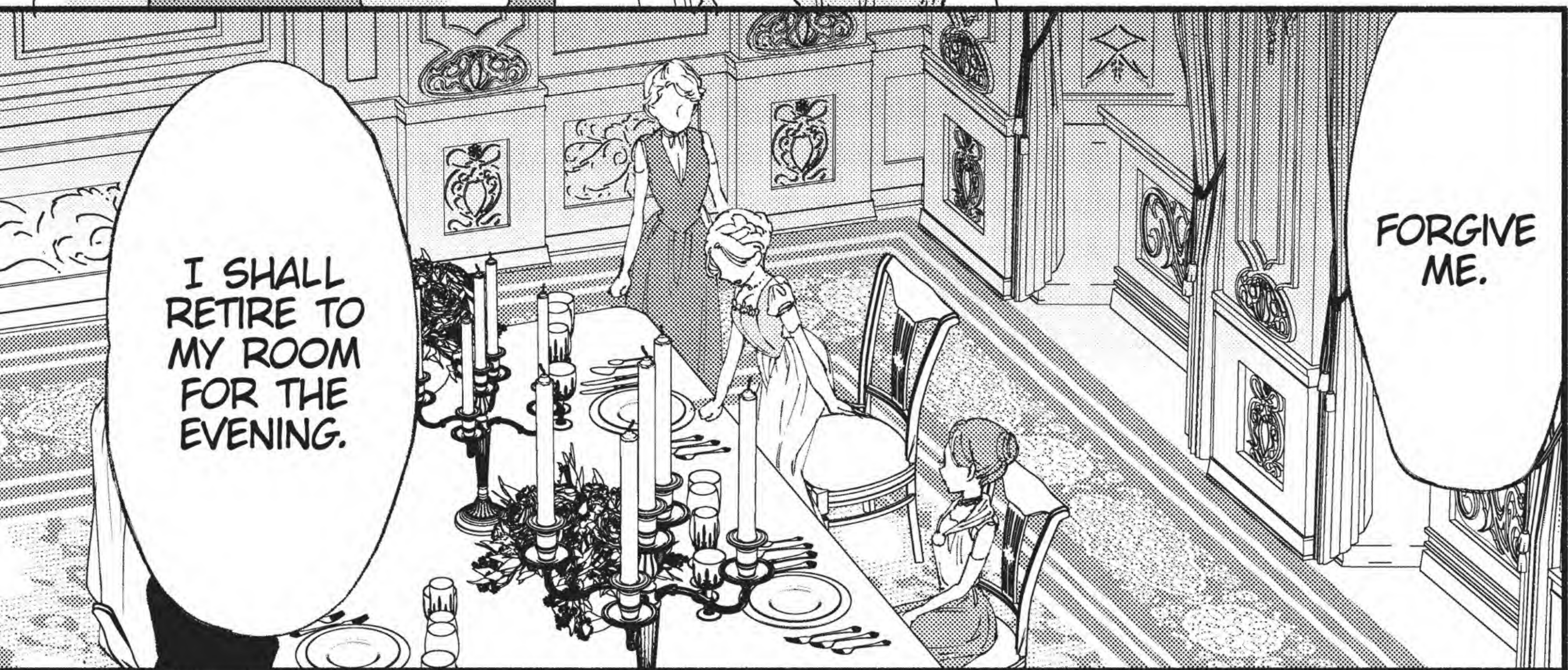
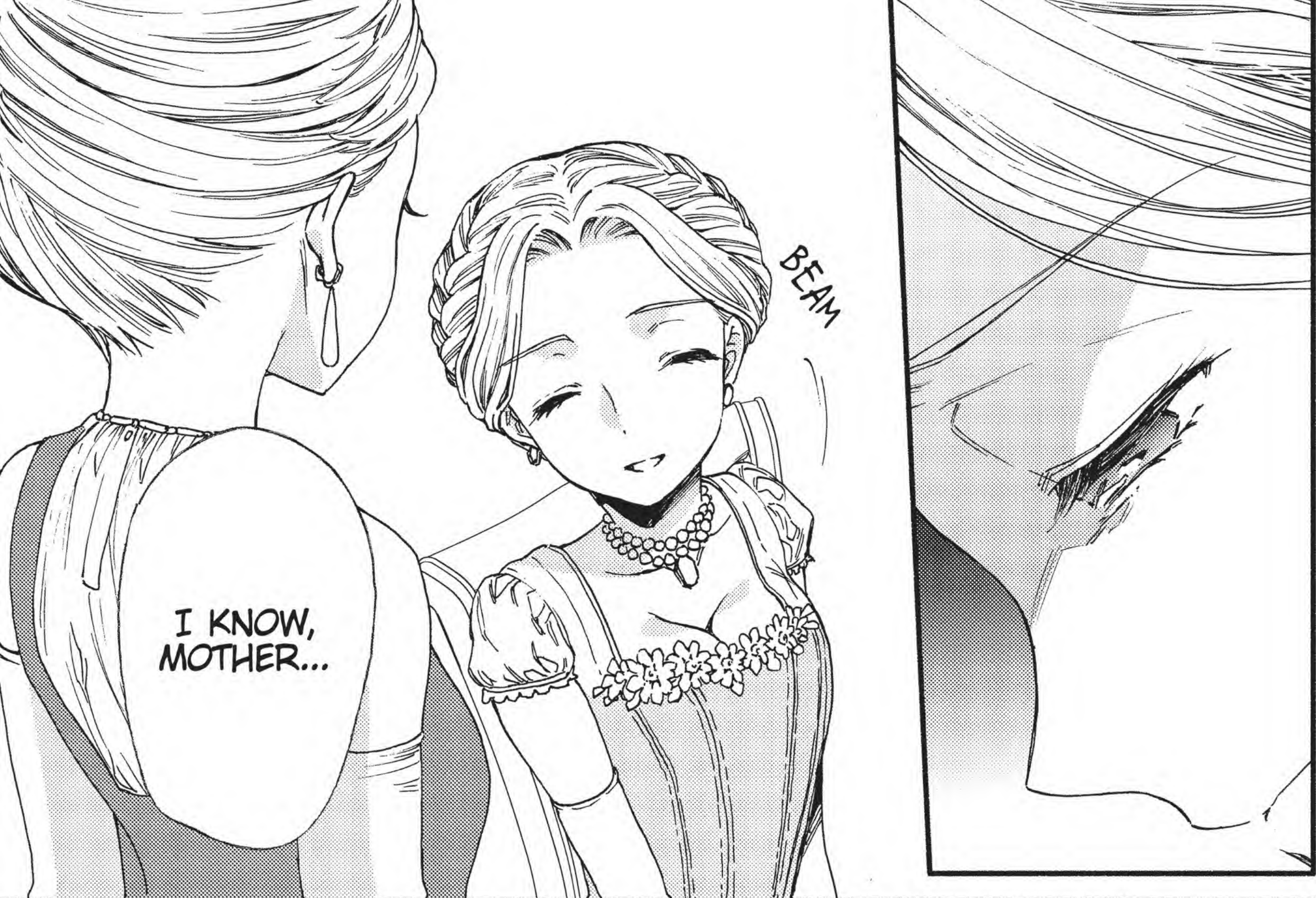
ALICE?
YOU HAVE
GONE
PALE.

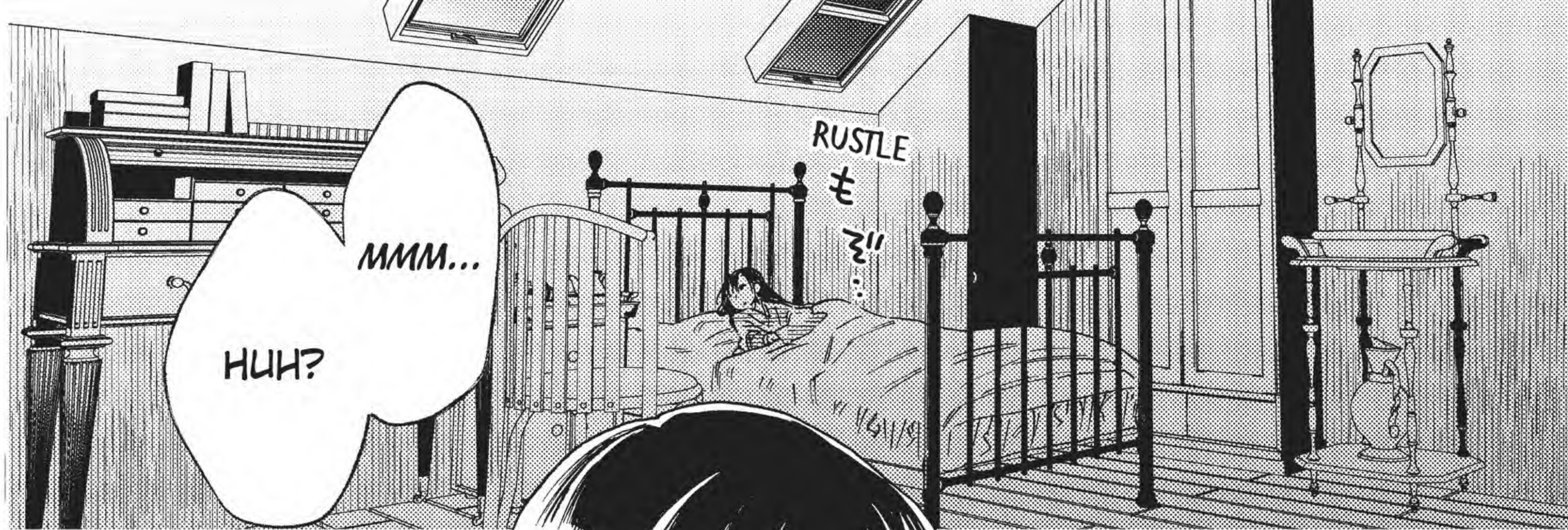


HAVE YOU
CAUGHT
A COLD?



PER-
HAPS
I
HAVE...







BUT I
DON'T
WANT TO
CAUSE
HER
DESPAIR.



I
DIDN'T
WANT
HER TO
SEE MY
OWN
UGLY
FEEL-
INGS...

AND
YET I'M
KEEPING
SECRETS
FROM
HER.



BUT...



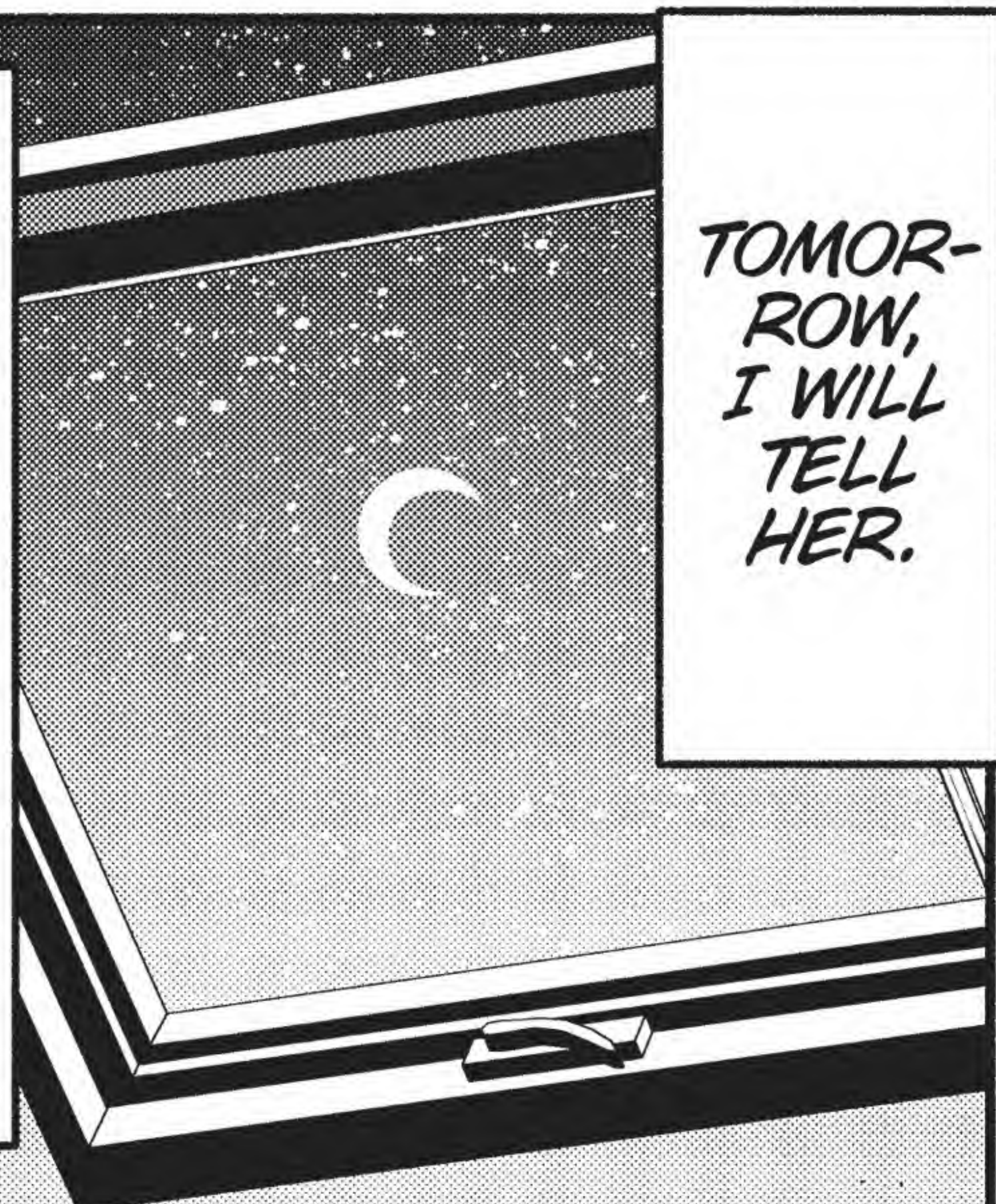
MISS
HANAKO,
ARE YOU
AWAKE?

KA-CHAK

IF
THAT
IS HER
WISH...

I
WILL...

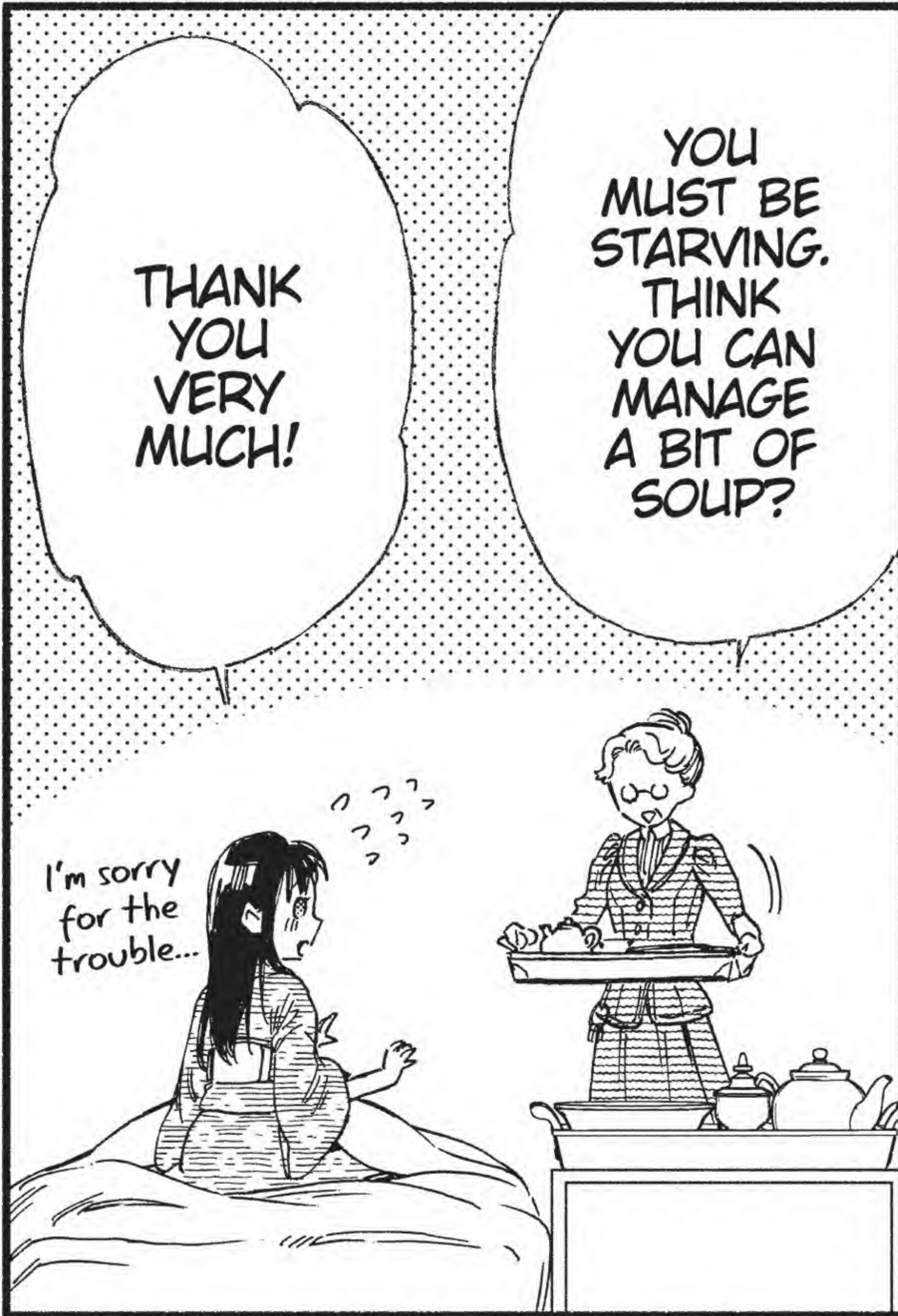
EVEN
IF IT
MEANS
SHE
WILL
ONLY
HAVE
EYES
FOR
ELIZA
ONCE
MORE.



TOMOR-
ROW,
I WILL
TELL
HER.



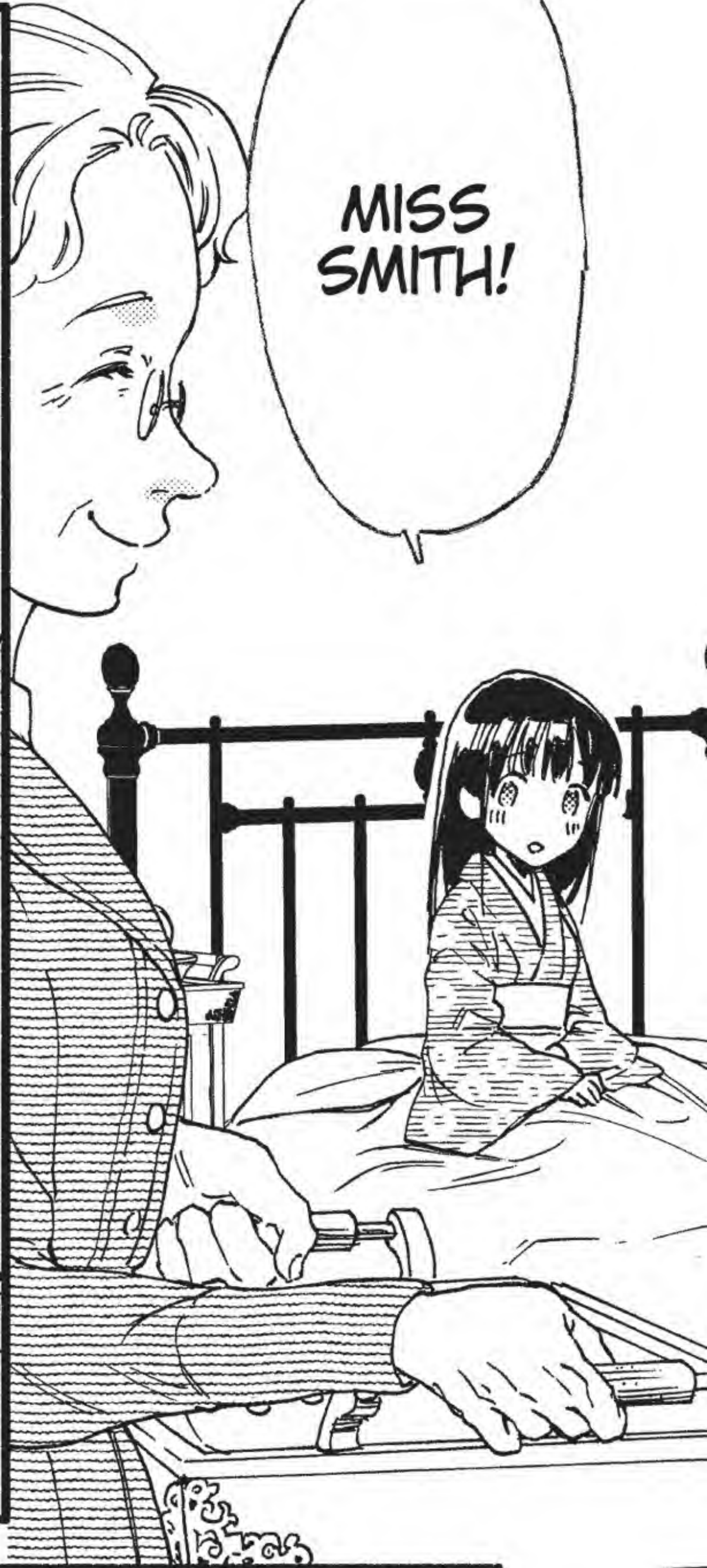
UHM,
WHERE
IS LADY
ALICE...?



THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!

YOU
MUST BE
STARVING.
THINK
YOU CAN
MANAGE
A BIT OF
SOUP?

I'm sorry
for the
trouble...



MISS
SMITH!



LISTEN,
MISS
HANAKO...

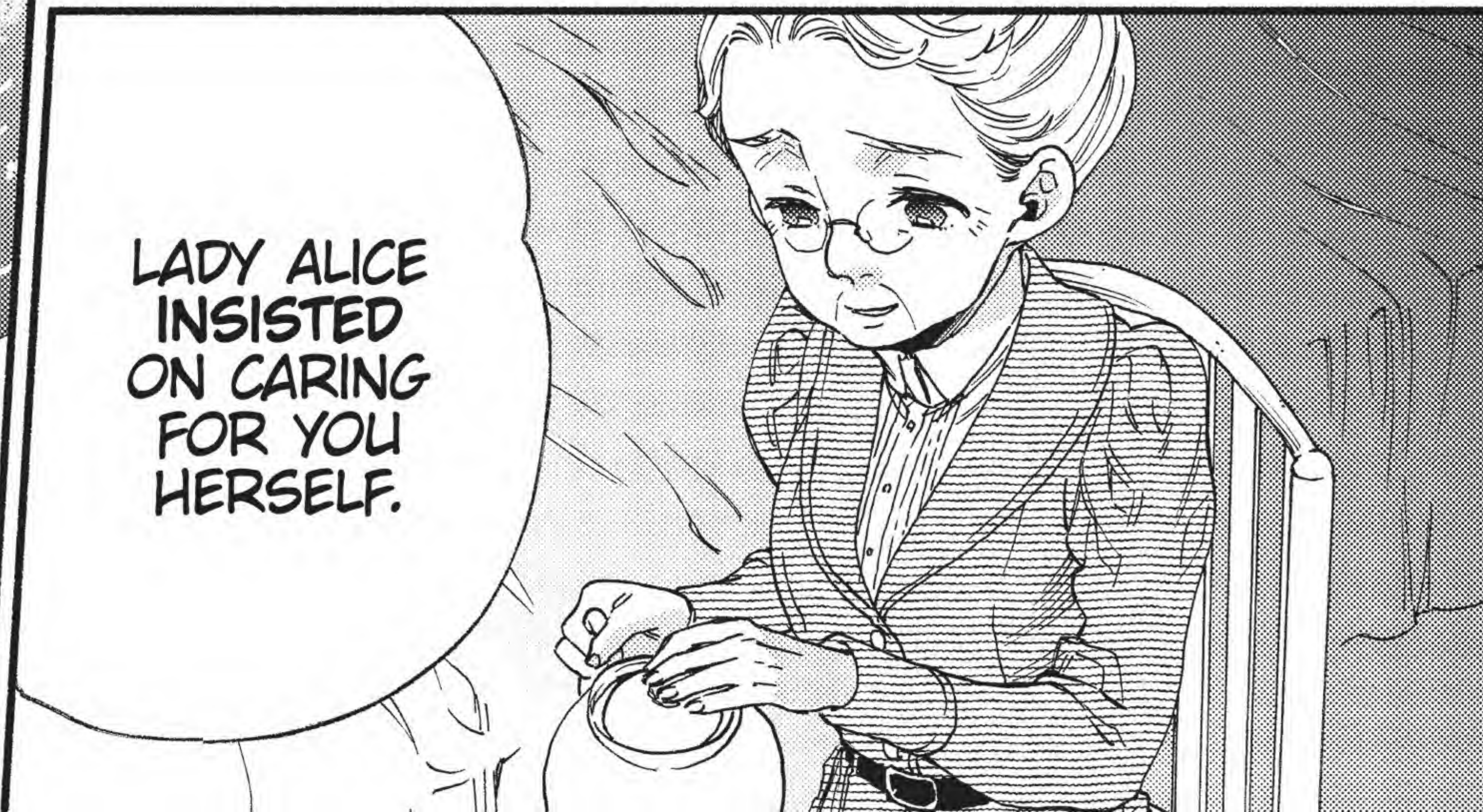


I
SEE...

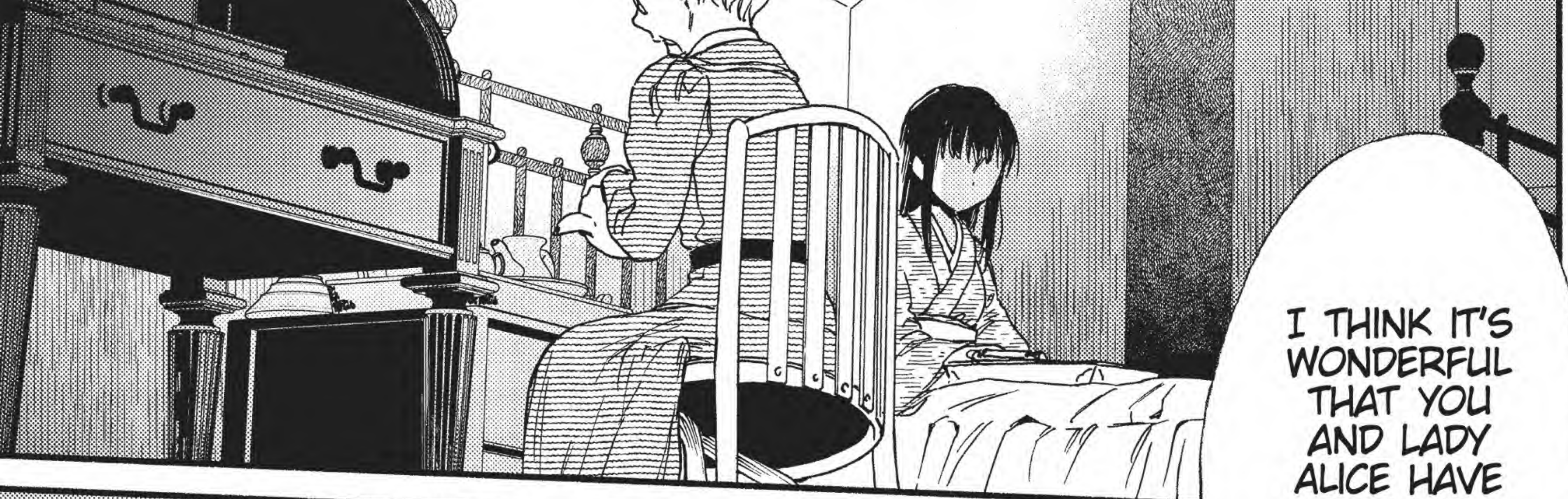
Oh...

Please
do not
worry.

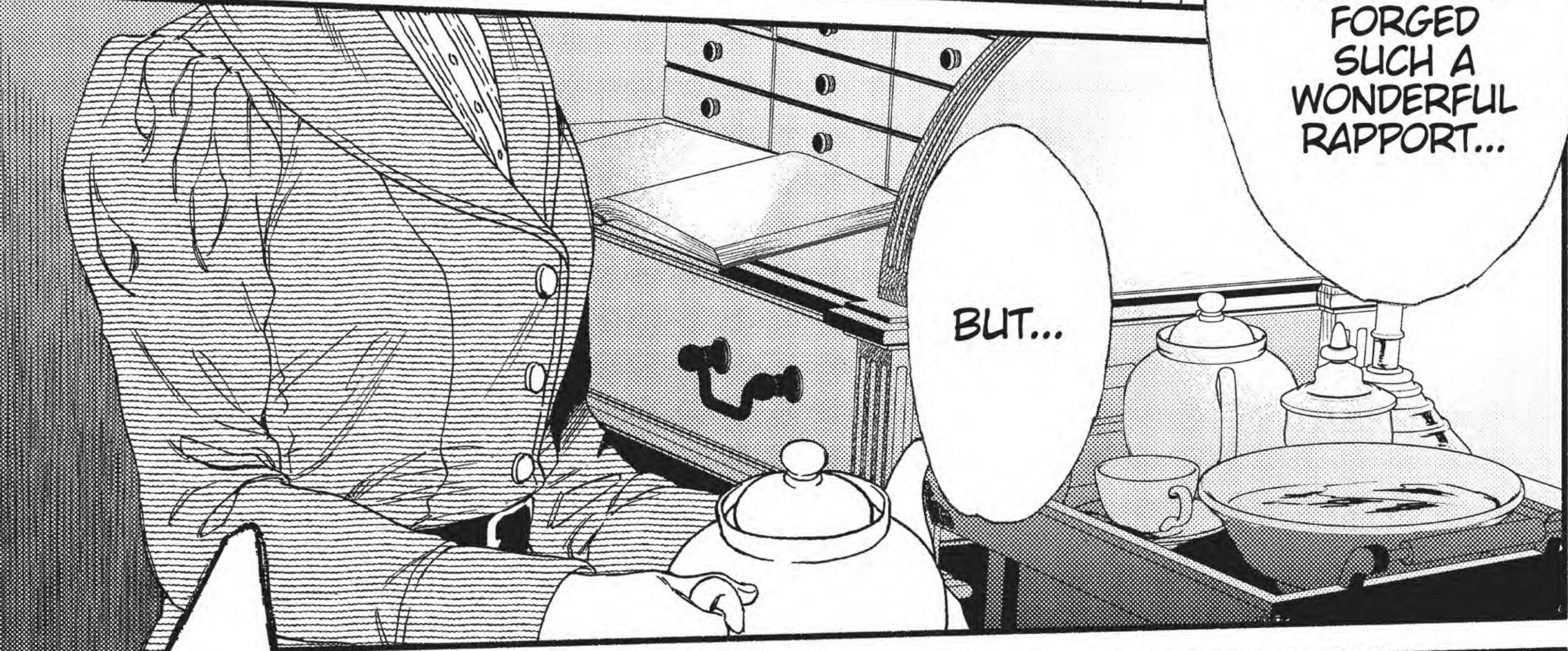
AMELIA
IS
TAKING
CARE
OF HER
NEEDS,
IT'S ALL
RIGHT.



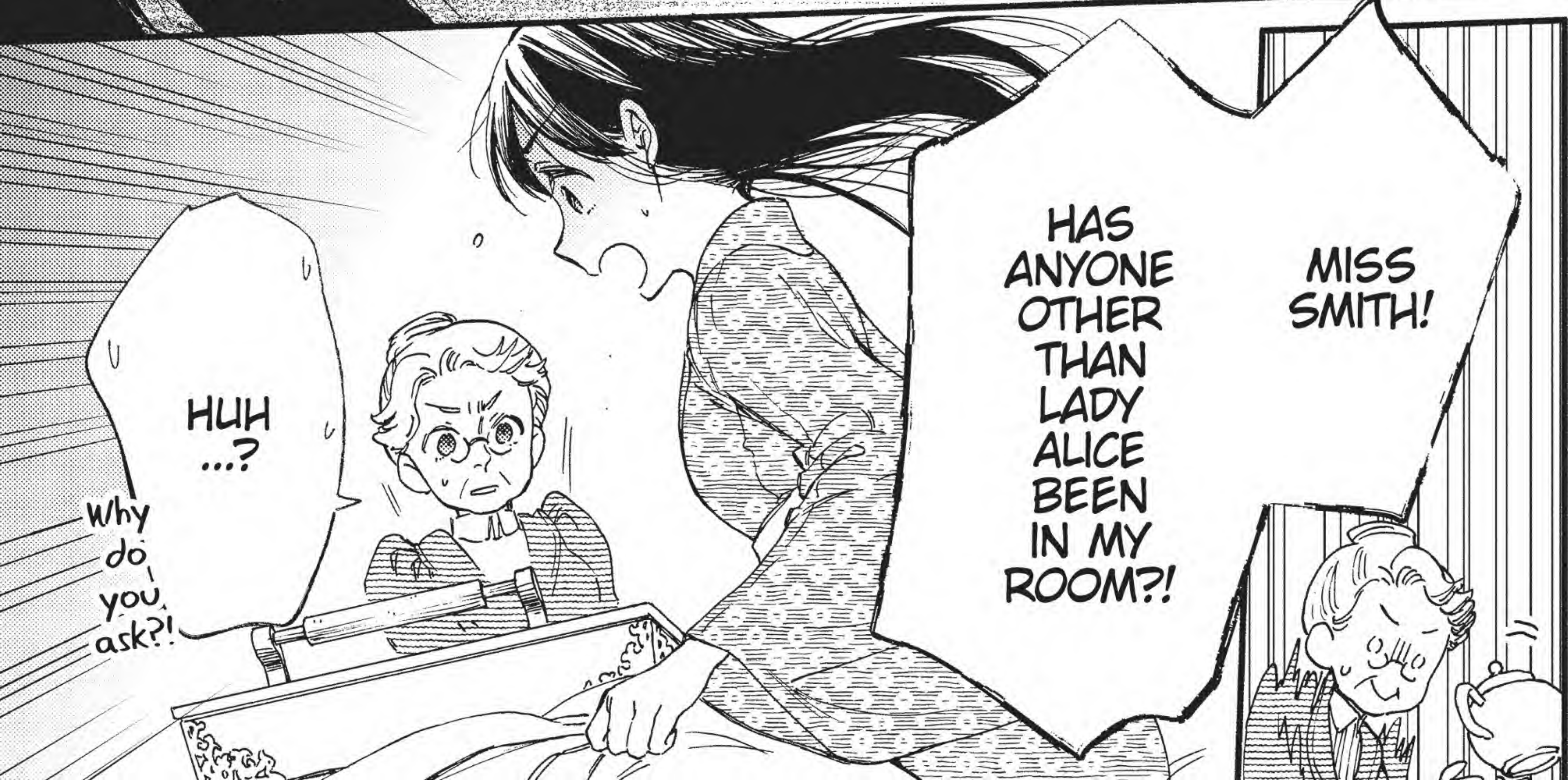
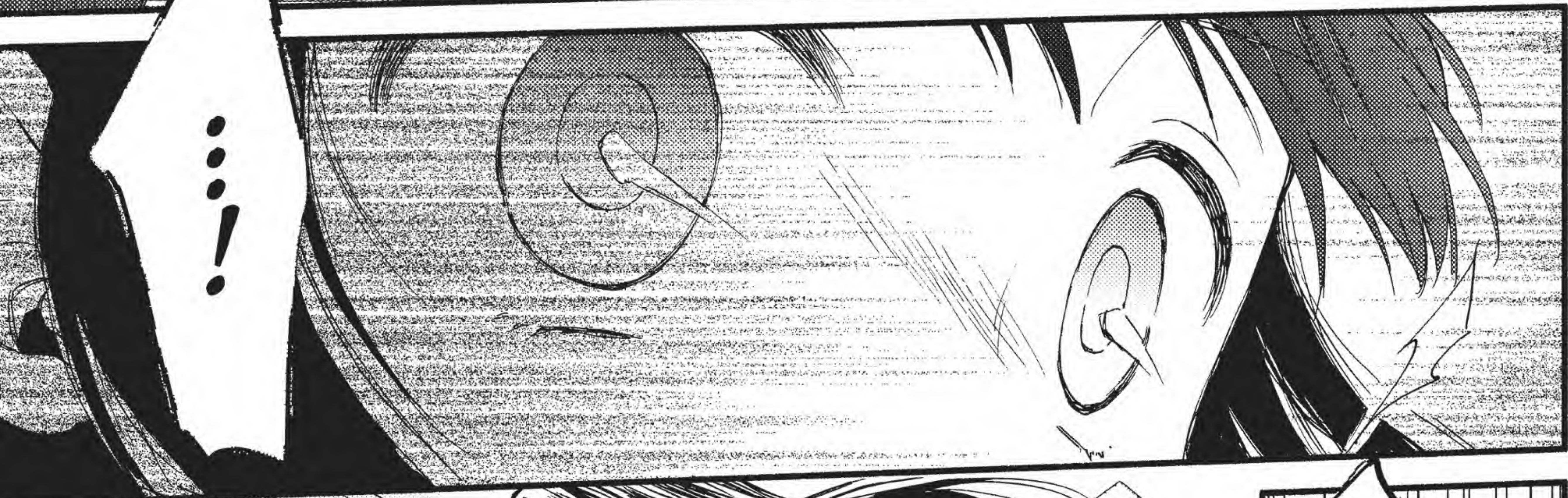
LADY ALICE
INSISTED
ON CARING
FOR YOU
HERSELF.



I THINK IT'S
WONDERFUL
THAT YOU
AND LADY
ALICE HAVE
FORGED
SUCH A
WONDERFUL
RAPPORT...



BUT...



HUH
...?

Why
do
you
ask?!

HAS
ANYONE
OTHER
THAN
LADY
ALICE
BEEN
IN MY
ROOM?!

MISS
SMITH!





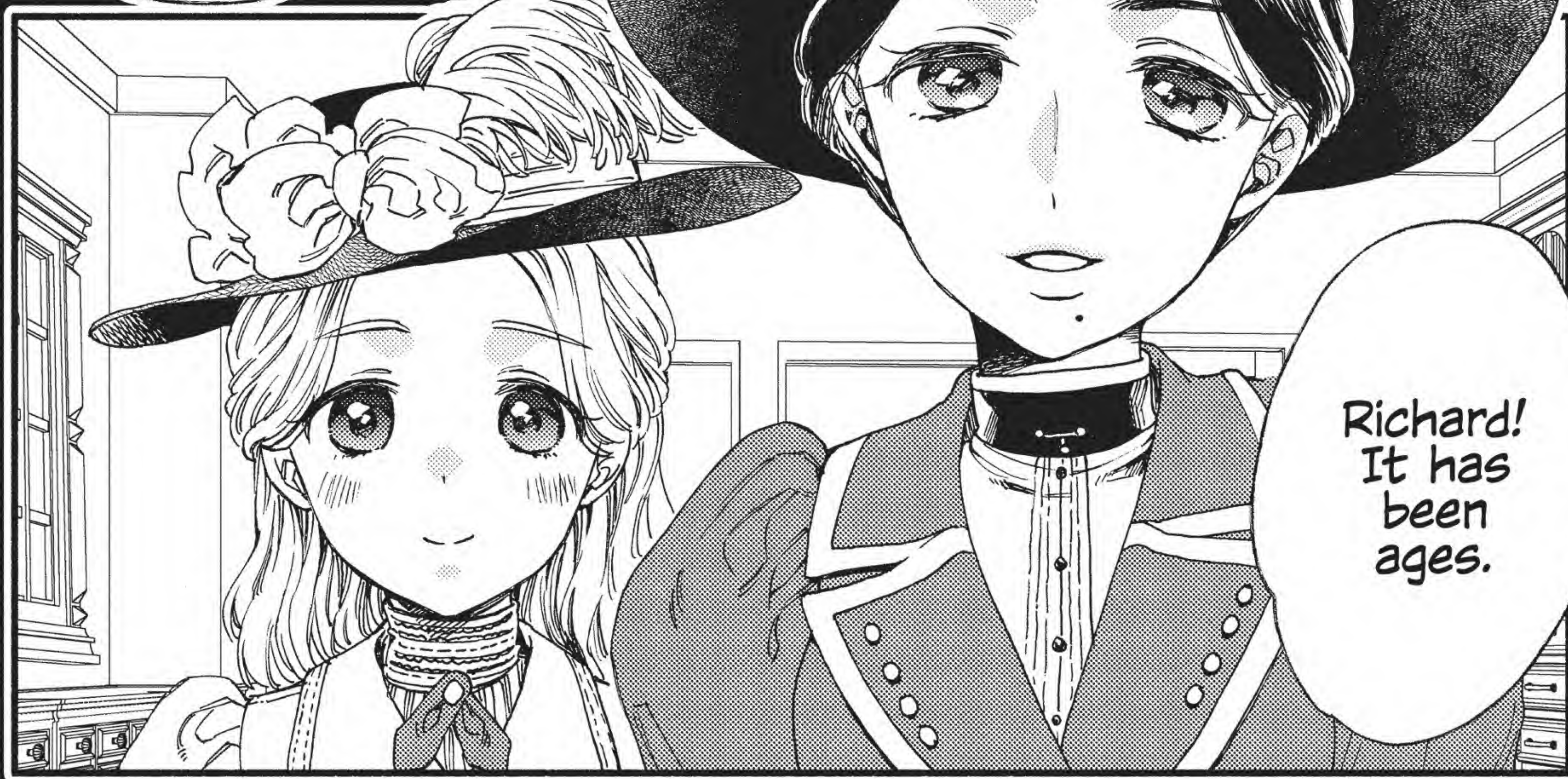


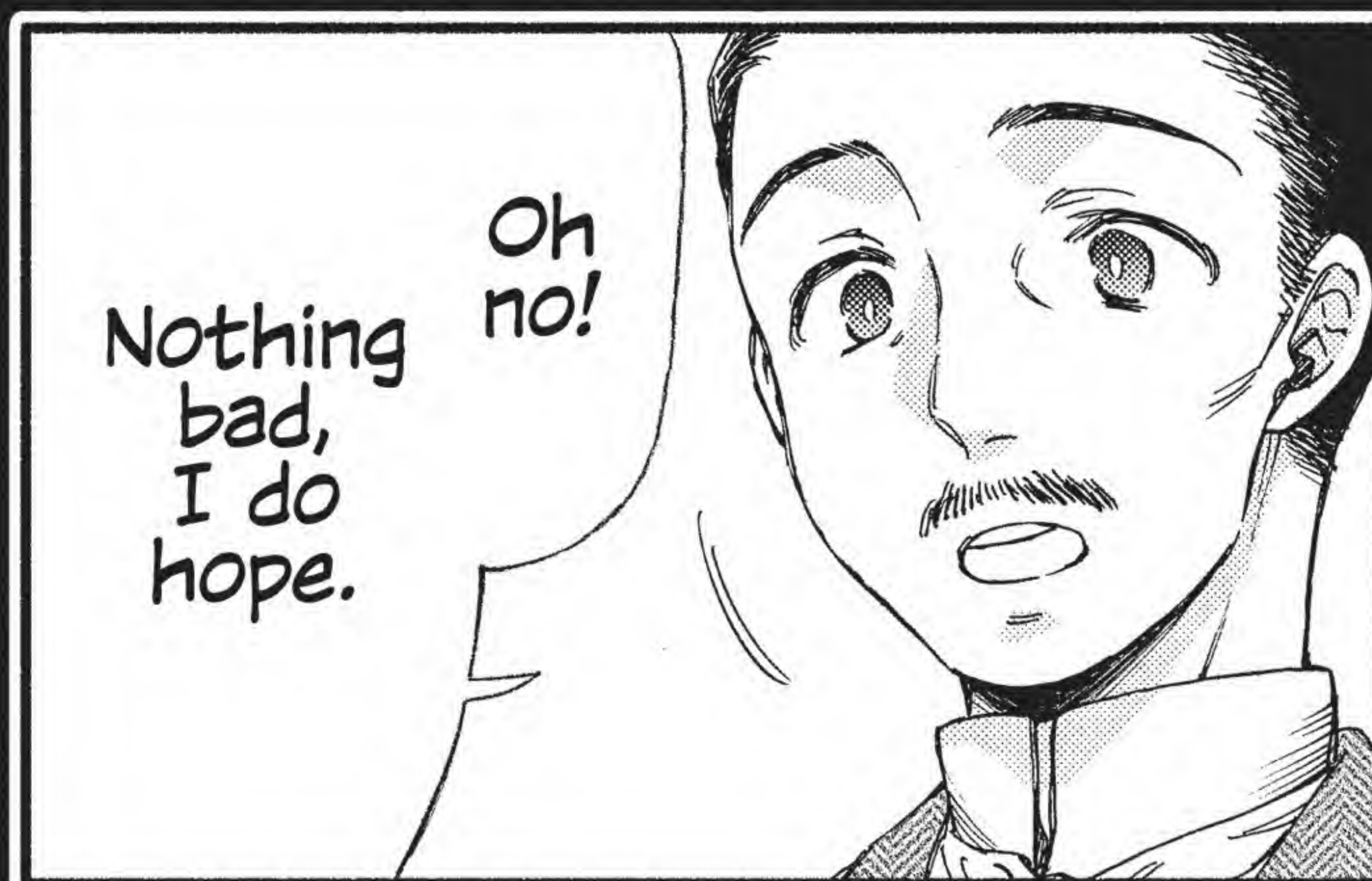


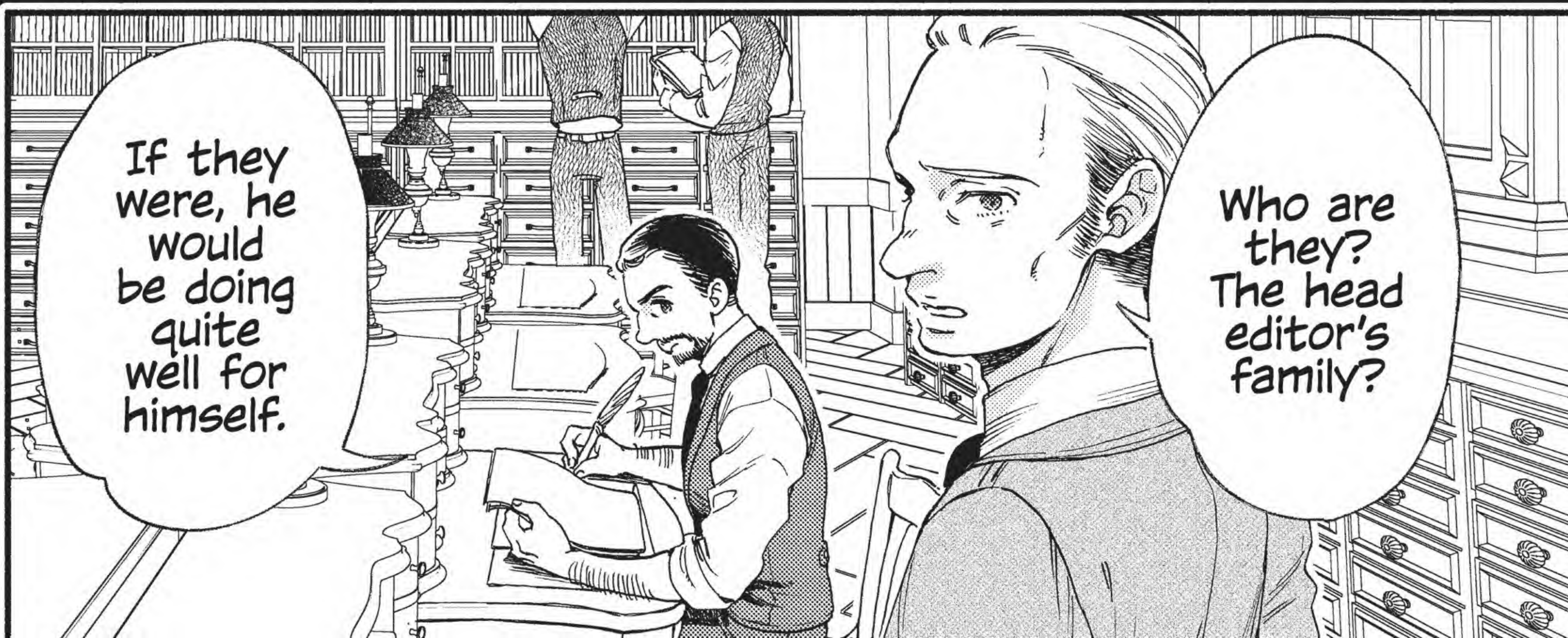
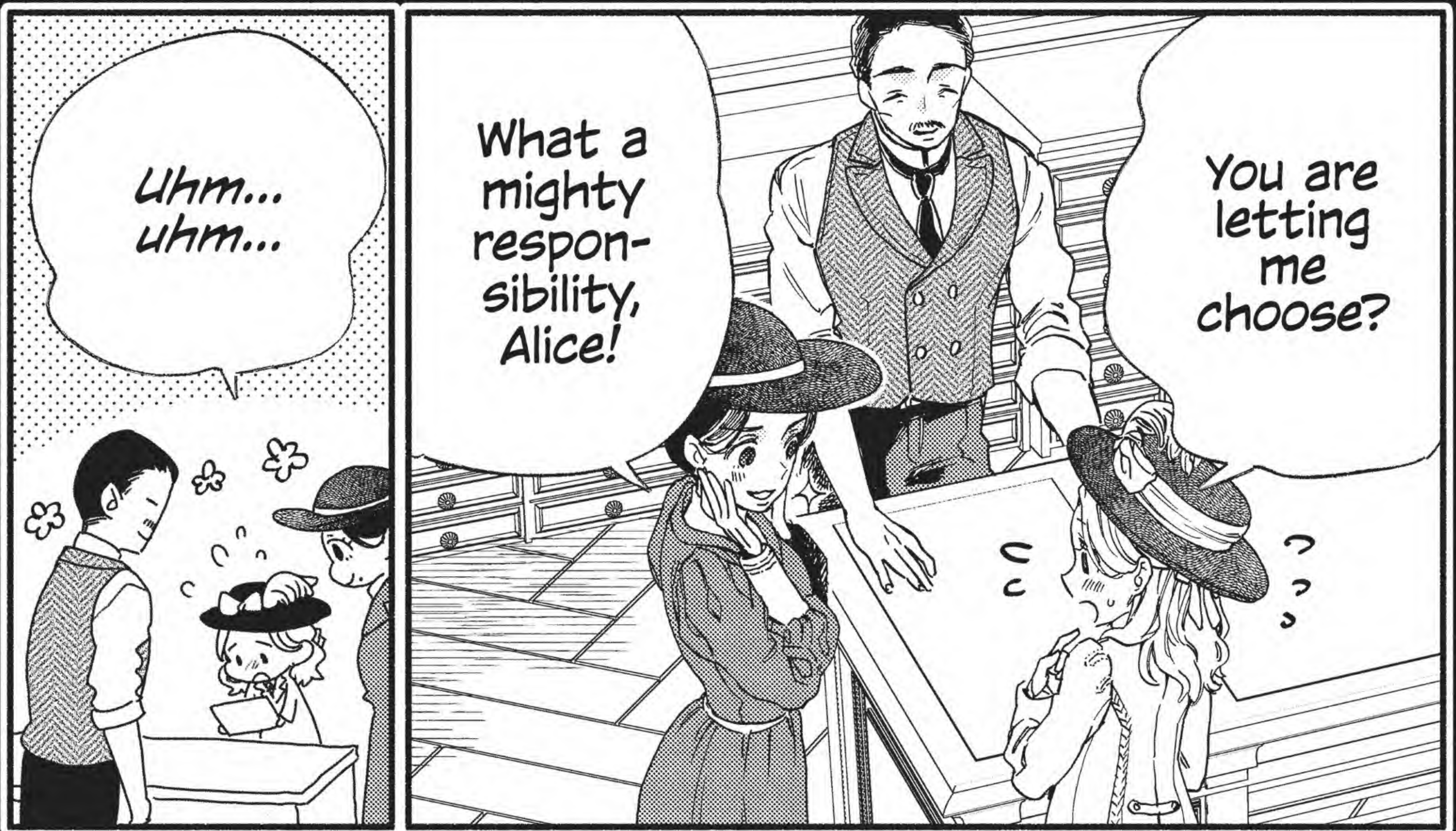
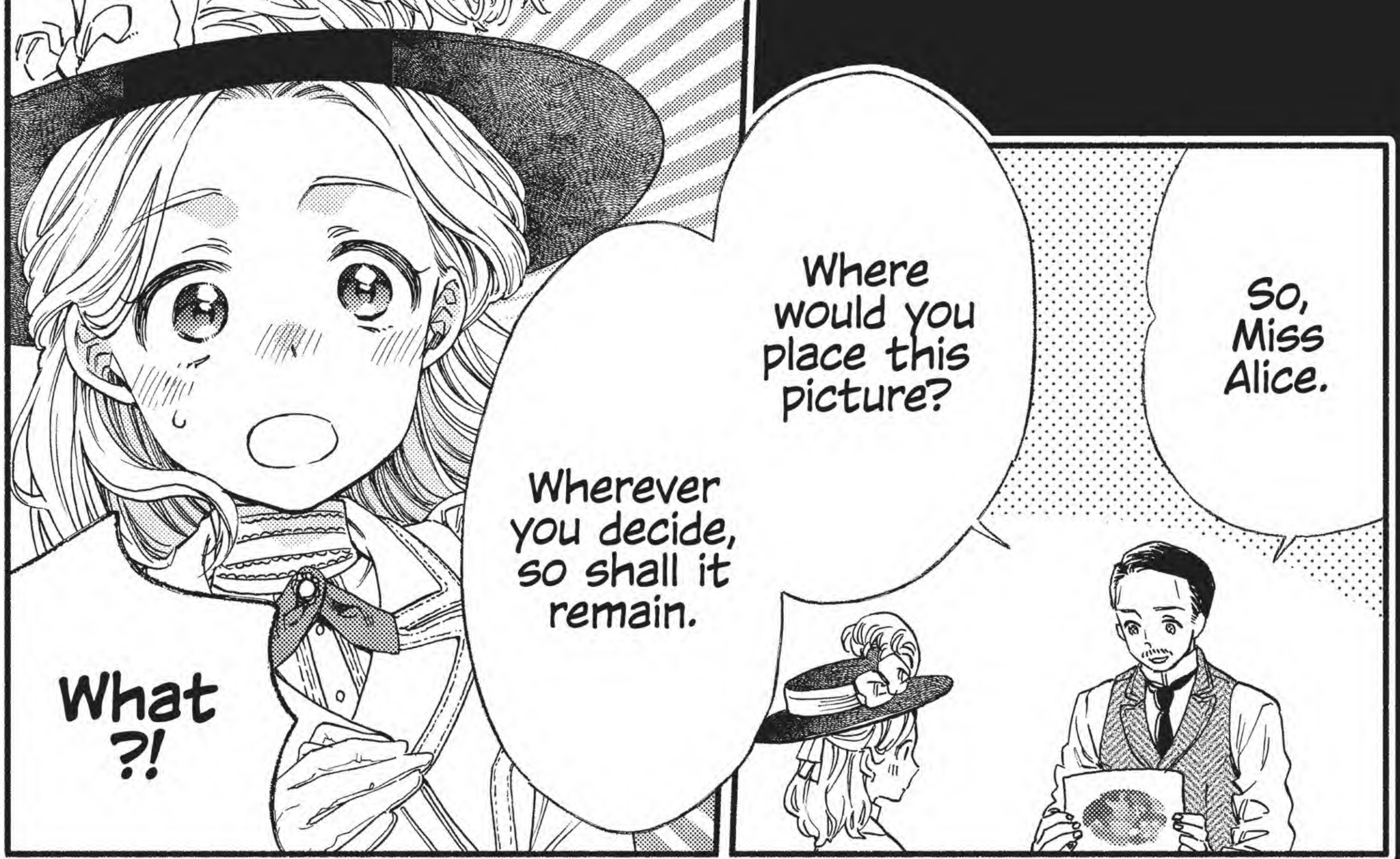
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Pen Strokes That Cross Oceans









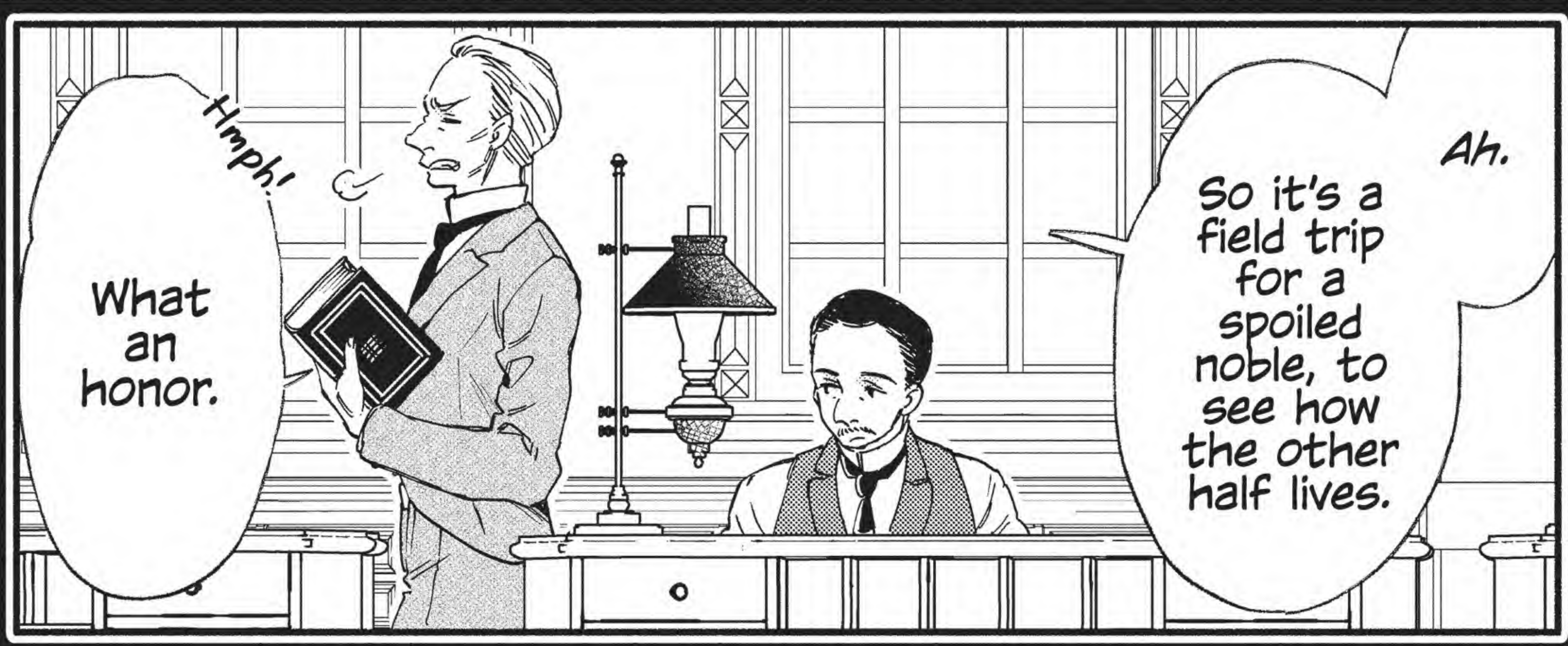


The girl is the daughter of a count.



She works as a governess for a noble family.

That woman is a childhood friend of ours.



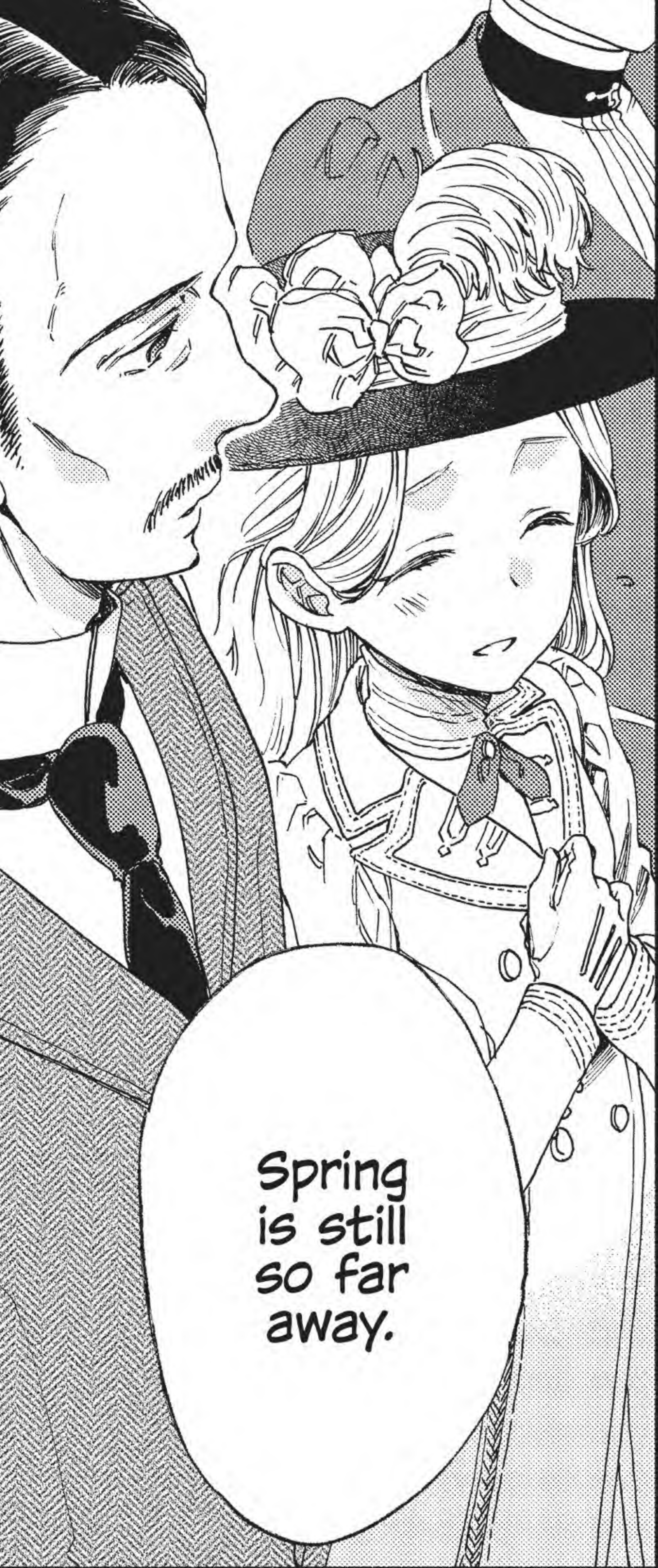
Hmph!
What an honor.

Ah.
So it's a field trip for a spoiled noble, to see how the other half lives.

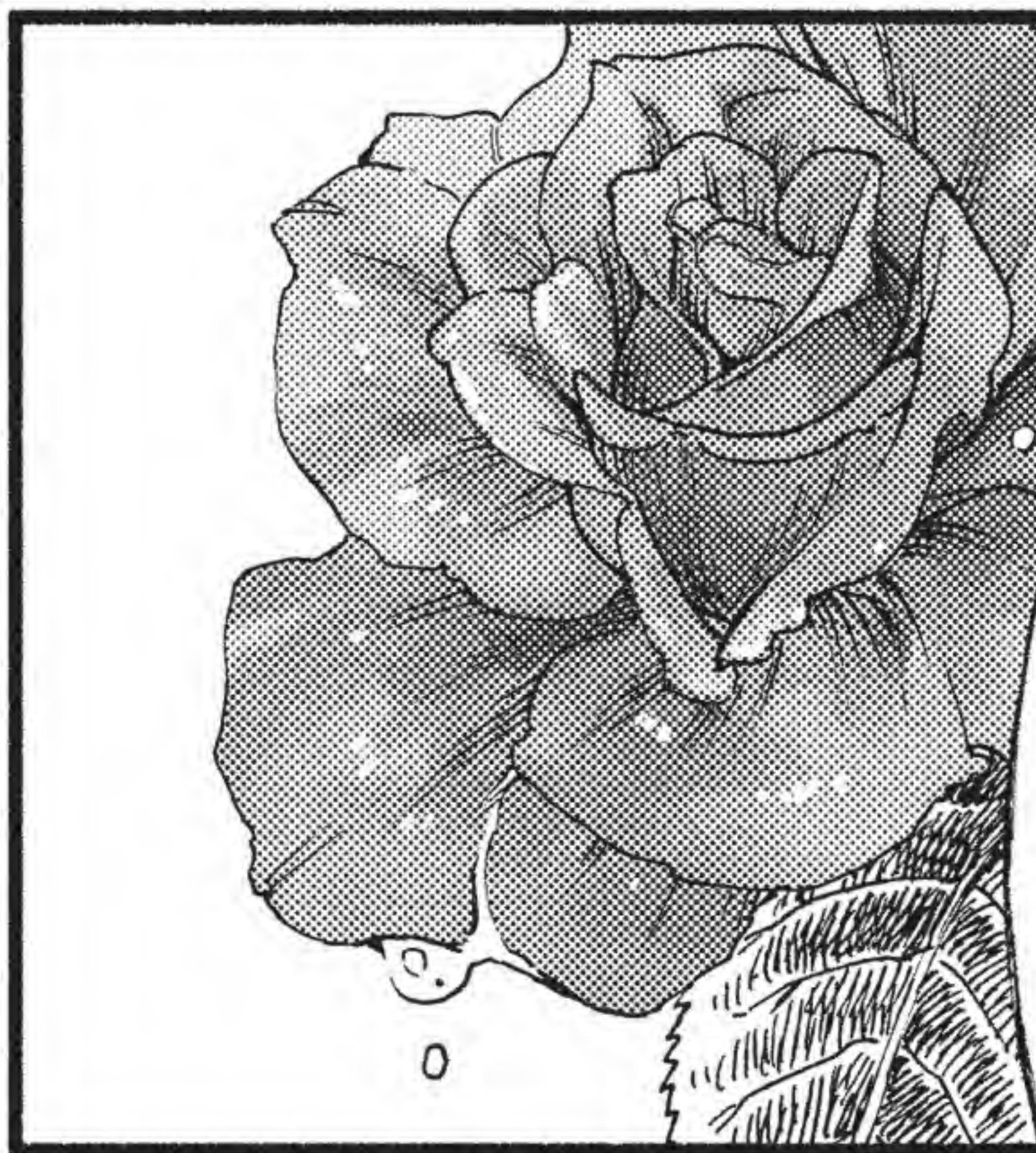


Incredible...!
So this is how books are made.





Spring
is still
so far
away.



but
when I
set myself
to the task,
they are no
more than a
single drop
of morning
dew.

my mind
overflows
with
ideas...

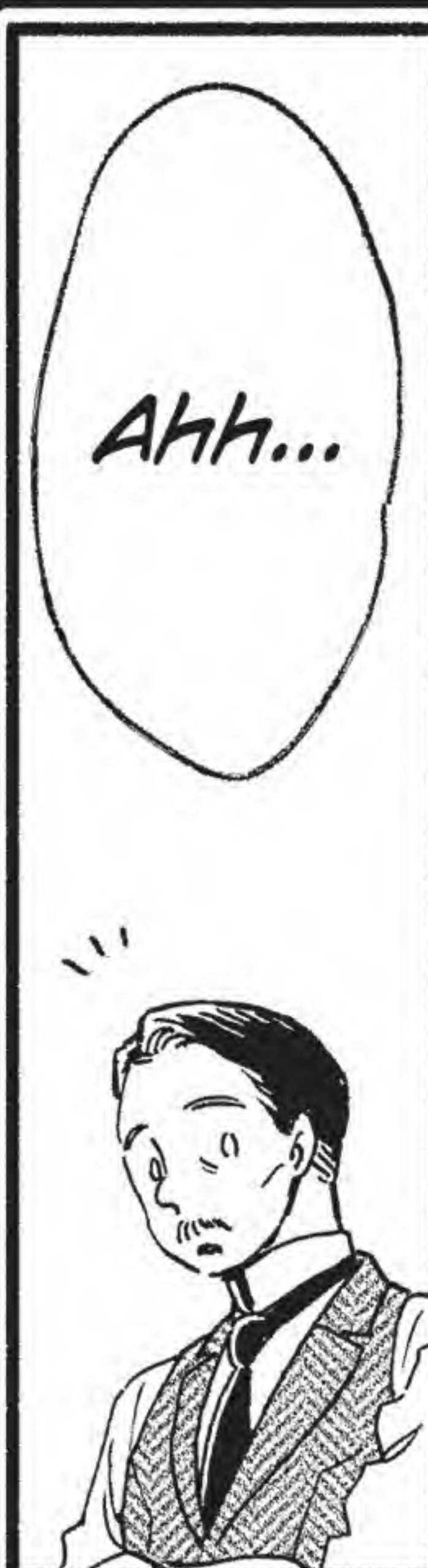


I
want to
unleash
them
like a
babbling
spring...

but
I feel
more
like
I am
collecting
tiny
droplets
of
water.



so
that
is why
you've
come
today.

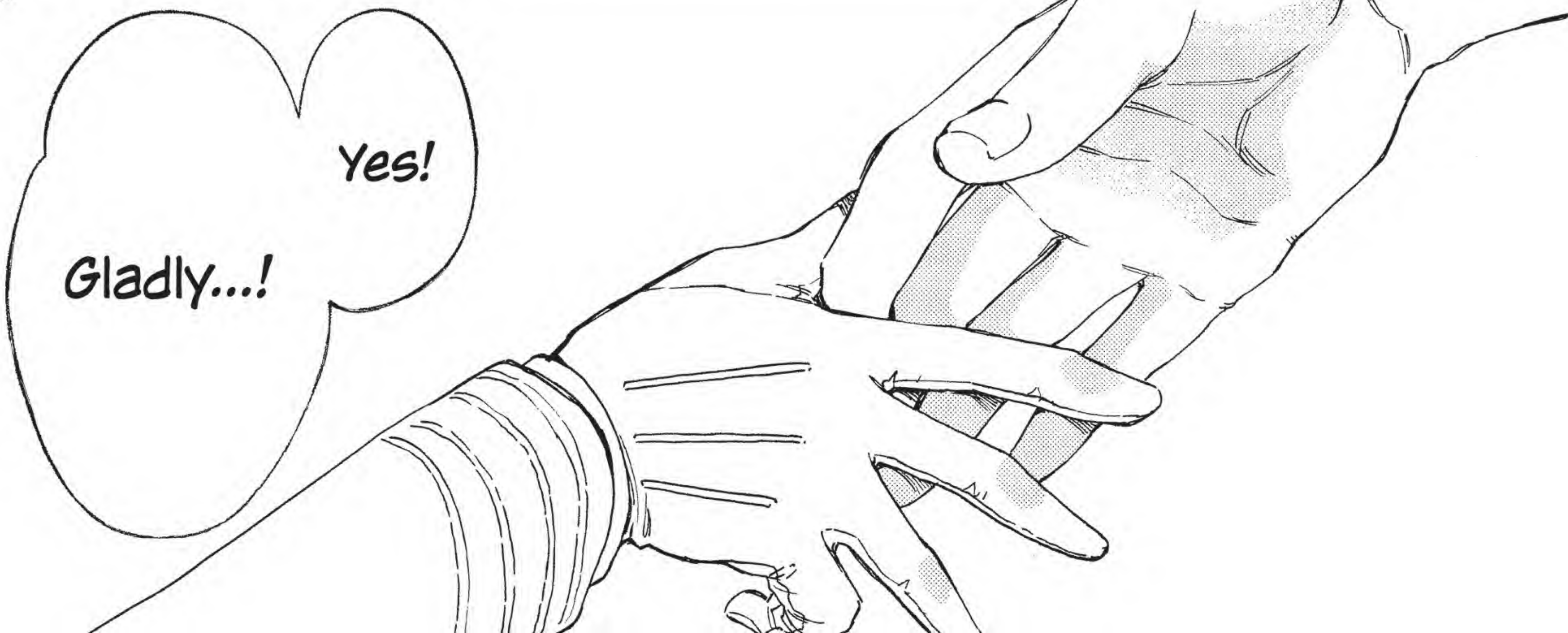
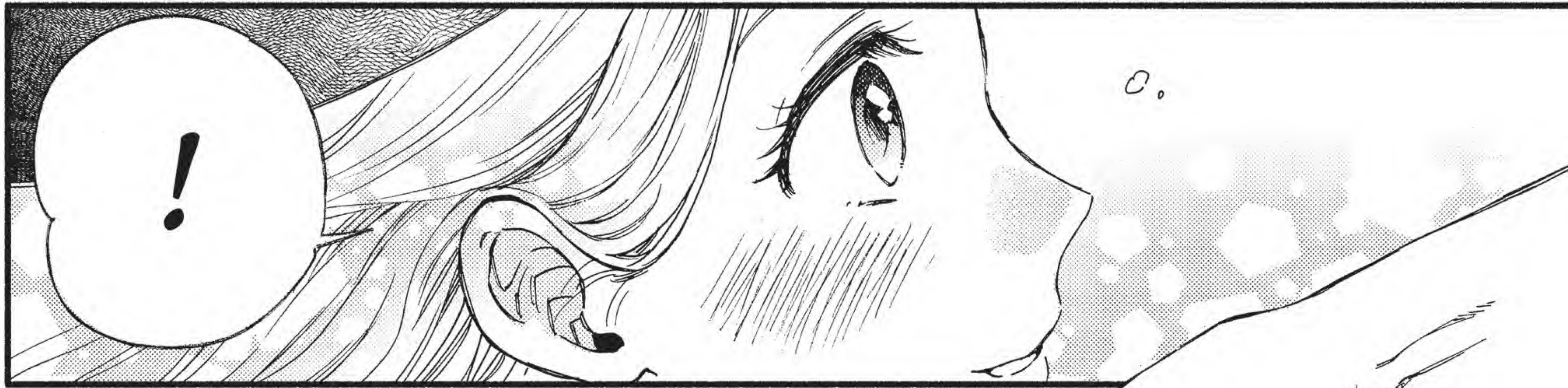


Ahh...



but I
thought
perhaps
that you
could
teach her
story-
telling?

I can
instruct
Alice
in her
regular
studies...





I
THOUGHT
YOU
WOULD
NEVER
KNOW.

THAT I
SENT ELIZA
A COPY OF
GLORIANA?

HOW DID
YOU FIND
OUT...



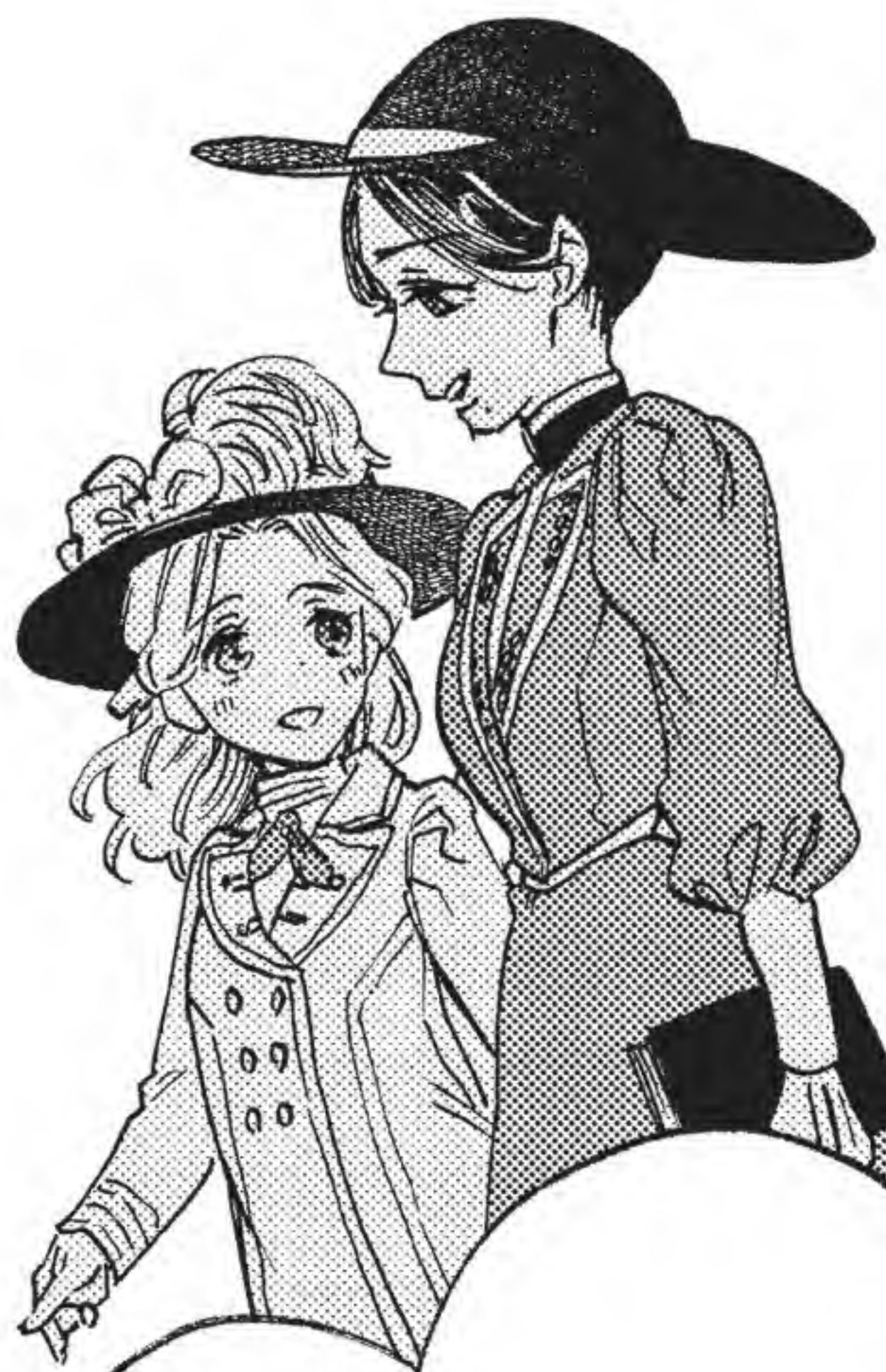
I ACCEPT
MY
PORTION
OF THE
BLAME...

I ASKED
YOU SO
MANY
TIMES...

AND YOU
FEIGNED
IGNO-
RANCE!

WHY DID
YOU NOT
TELL ME
WHERE
SHE
WAS?



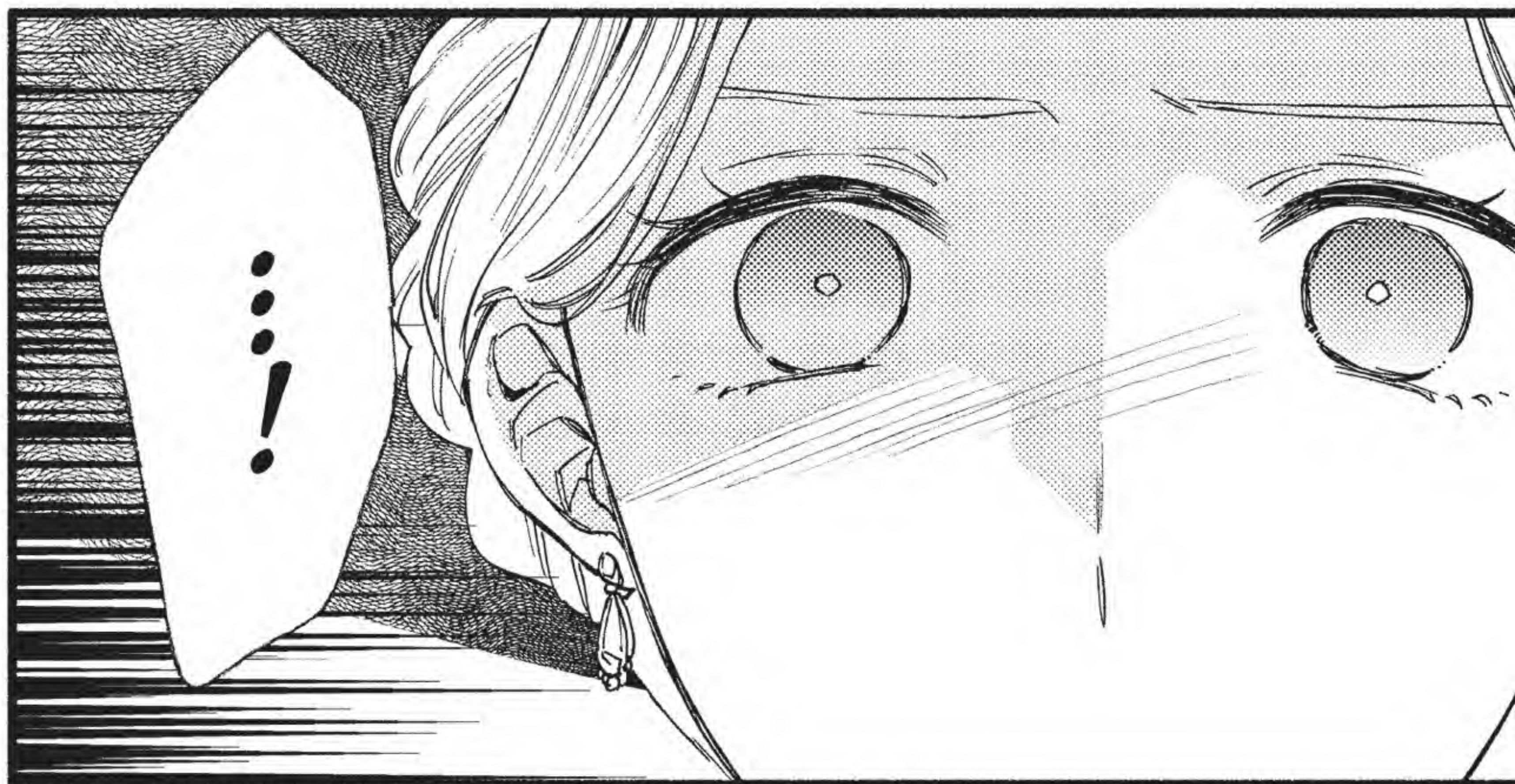


THAT
YOU SAW
HER AS
AN OLDER
SISTER.

SHE
WAS SO
HAPPY...



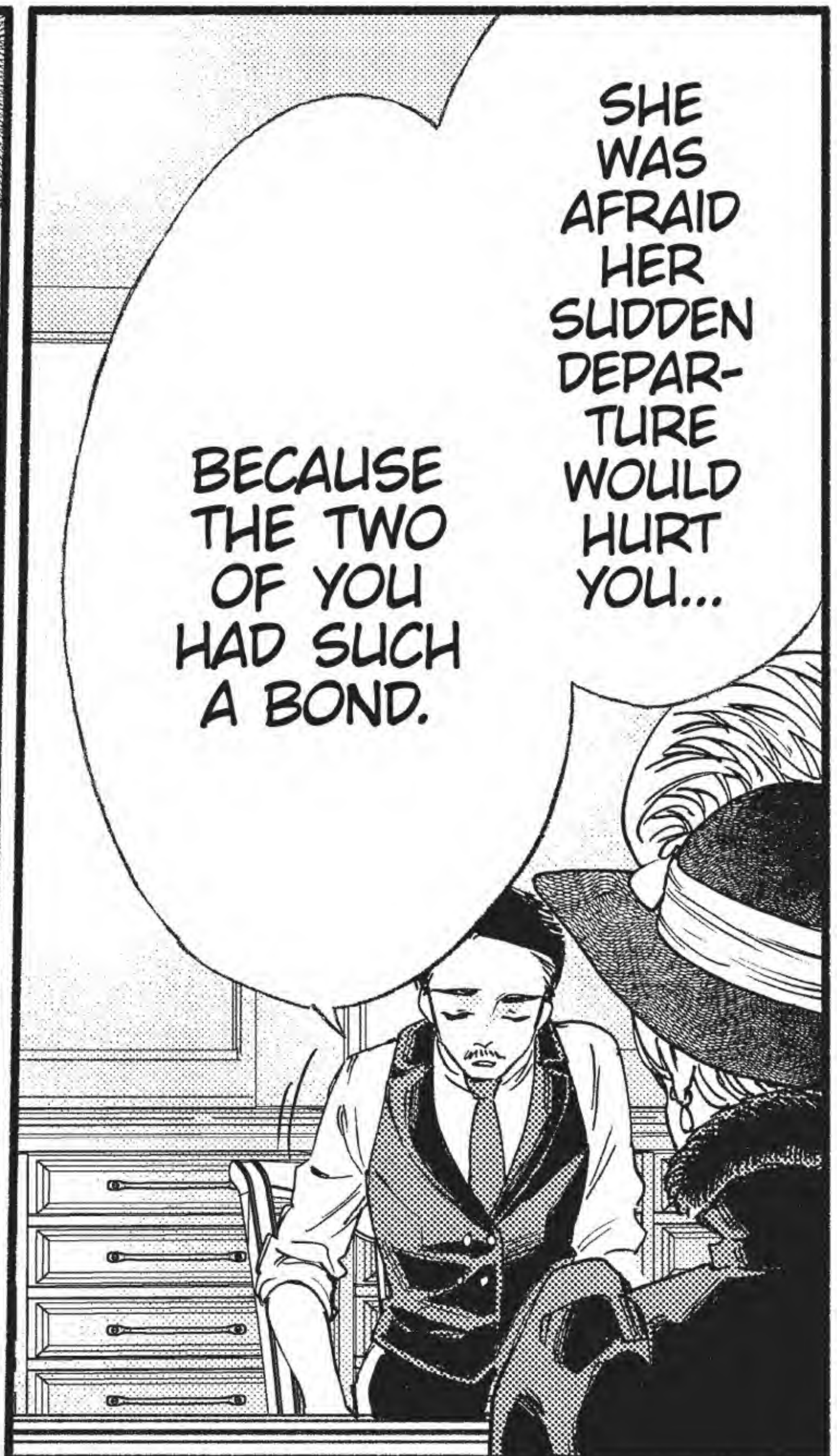
BUT IT
WAS AT
ELIZA'S
REQUEST.



...!



BUT...
SHE NEVER
EVEN GAVE
ME A
CHANCE TO
APOLOGIZE!



BECAUSE
THE TWO
OF YOU
HAD SUCH
A BOND.

SHE
WAS
AFRAID
HER
SUDDEN
DEPART-
TURE
WOULD
HURT
YOU...



SHE
SAID THAT
PEOPLE
CAN ONLY
MOVE ON
WHEN THEY
FORGET.

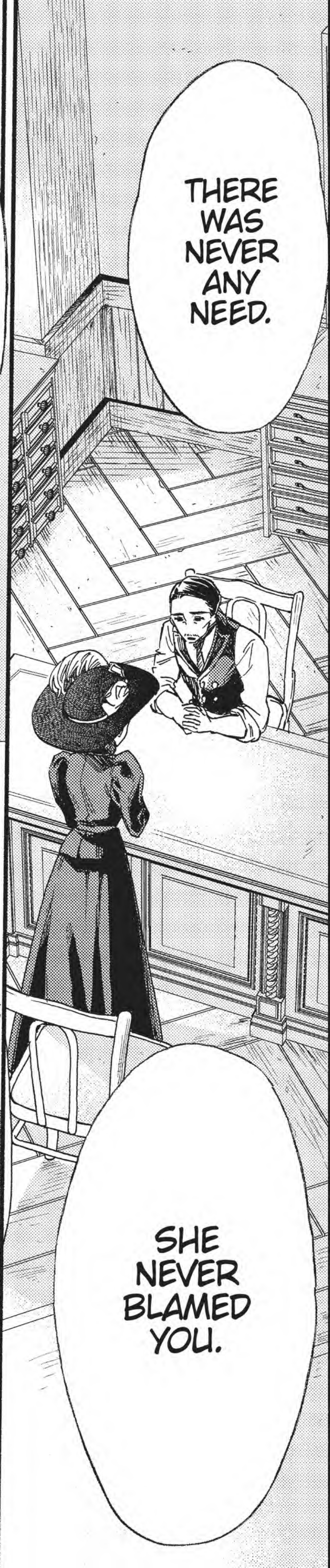
SHE DID
NOT WISH
TO DRAW
OUT YOUR
ANGUISH...

SO SHE
DISAPPEARED
SWIFTLY FROM
YOUR LIFE,
WITHOUT A
WORD...



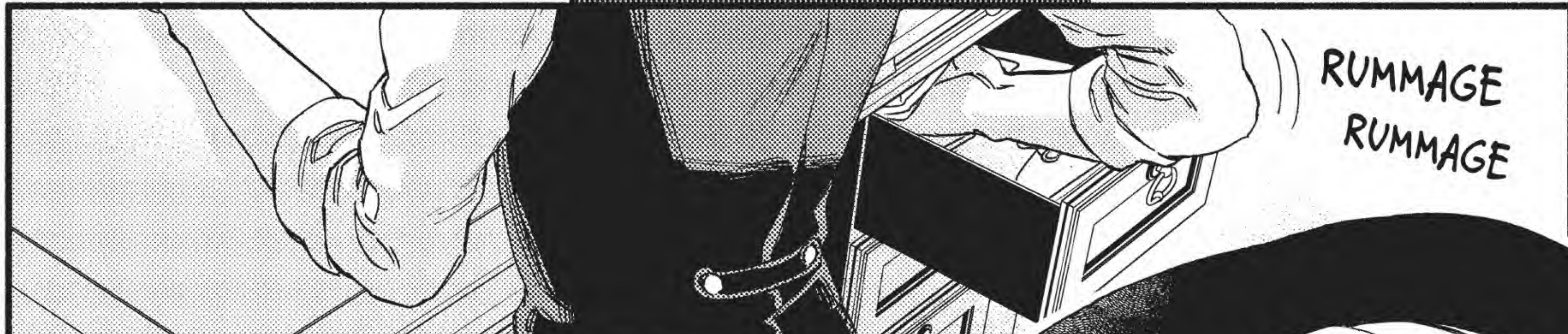
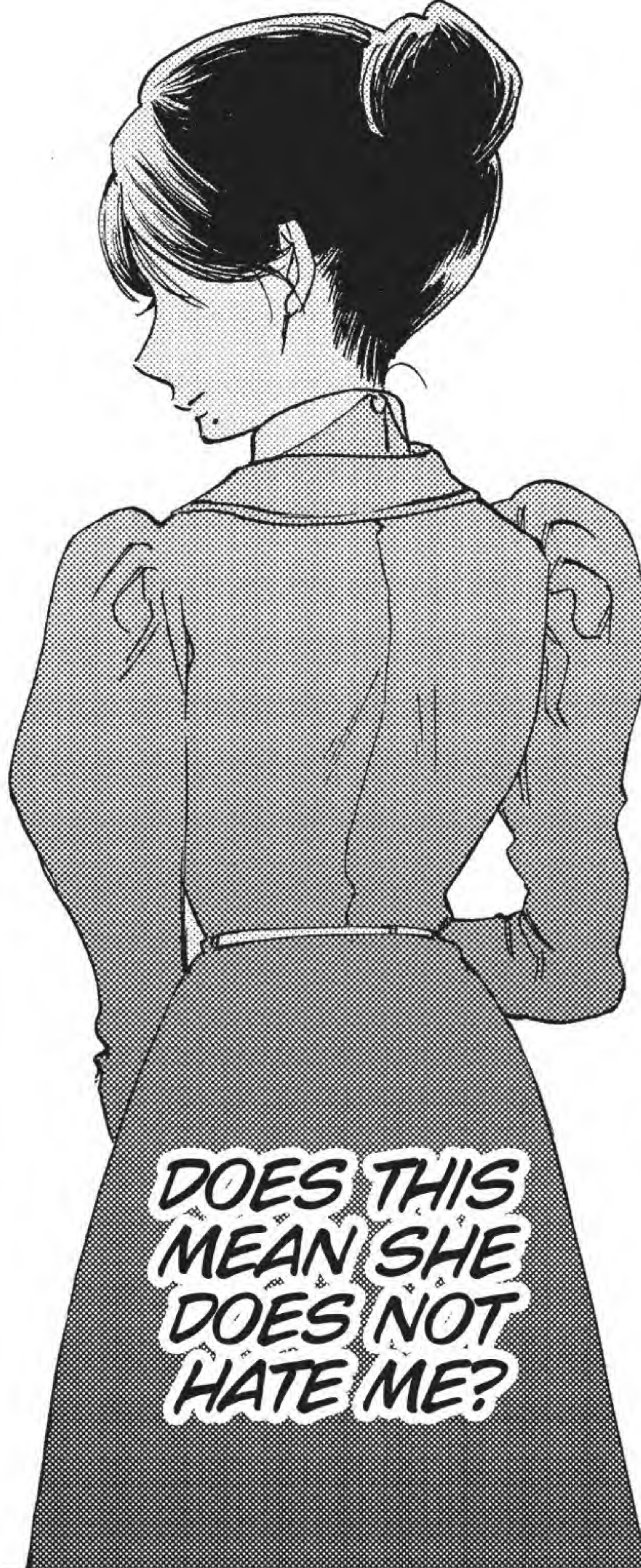
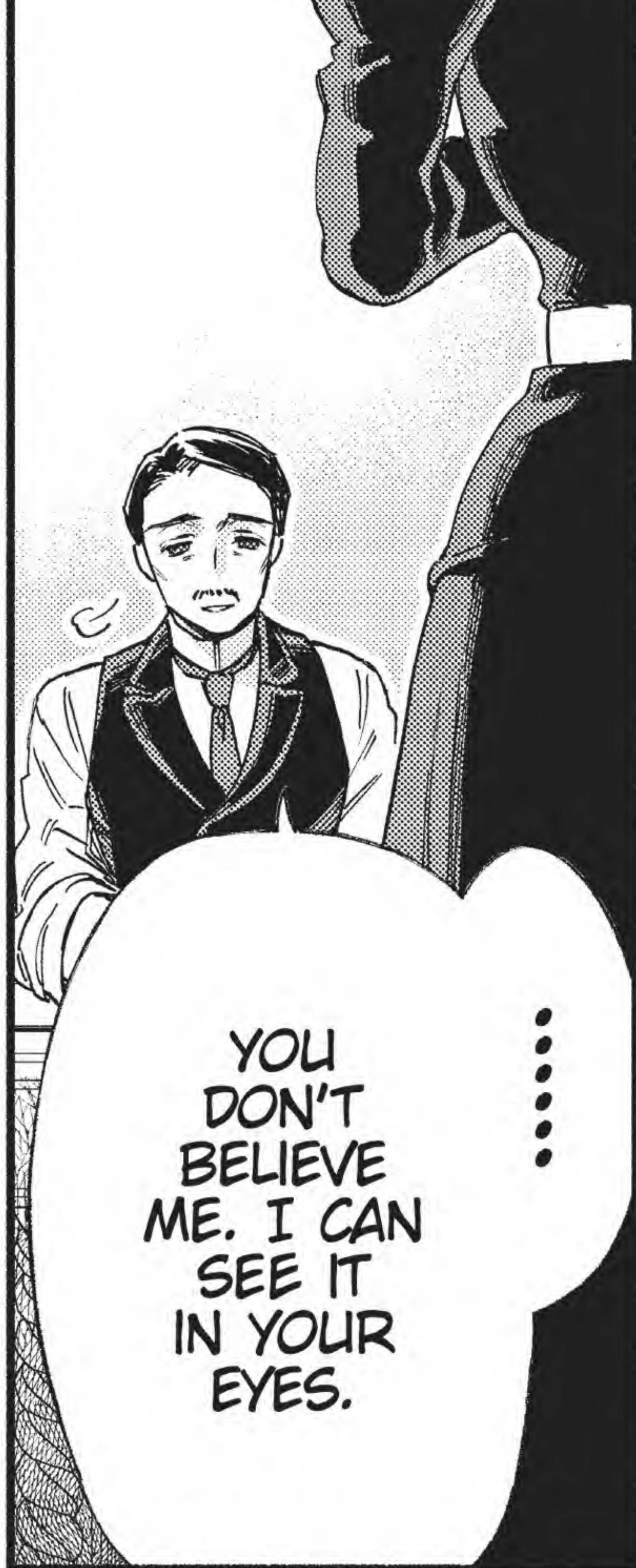
SO THAT
YOU COULD
FORGET
HER AND
HAVE A
FRESH
START.

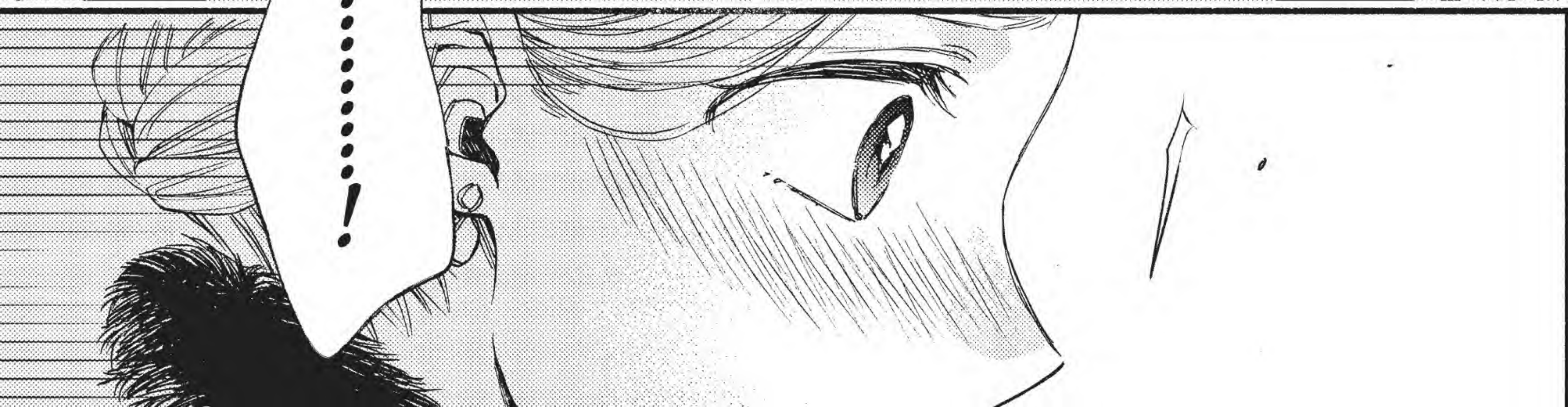
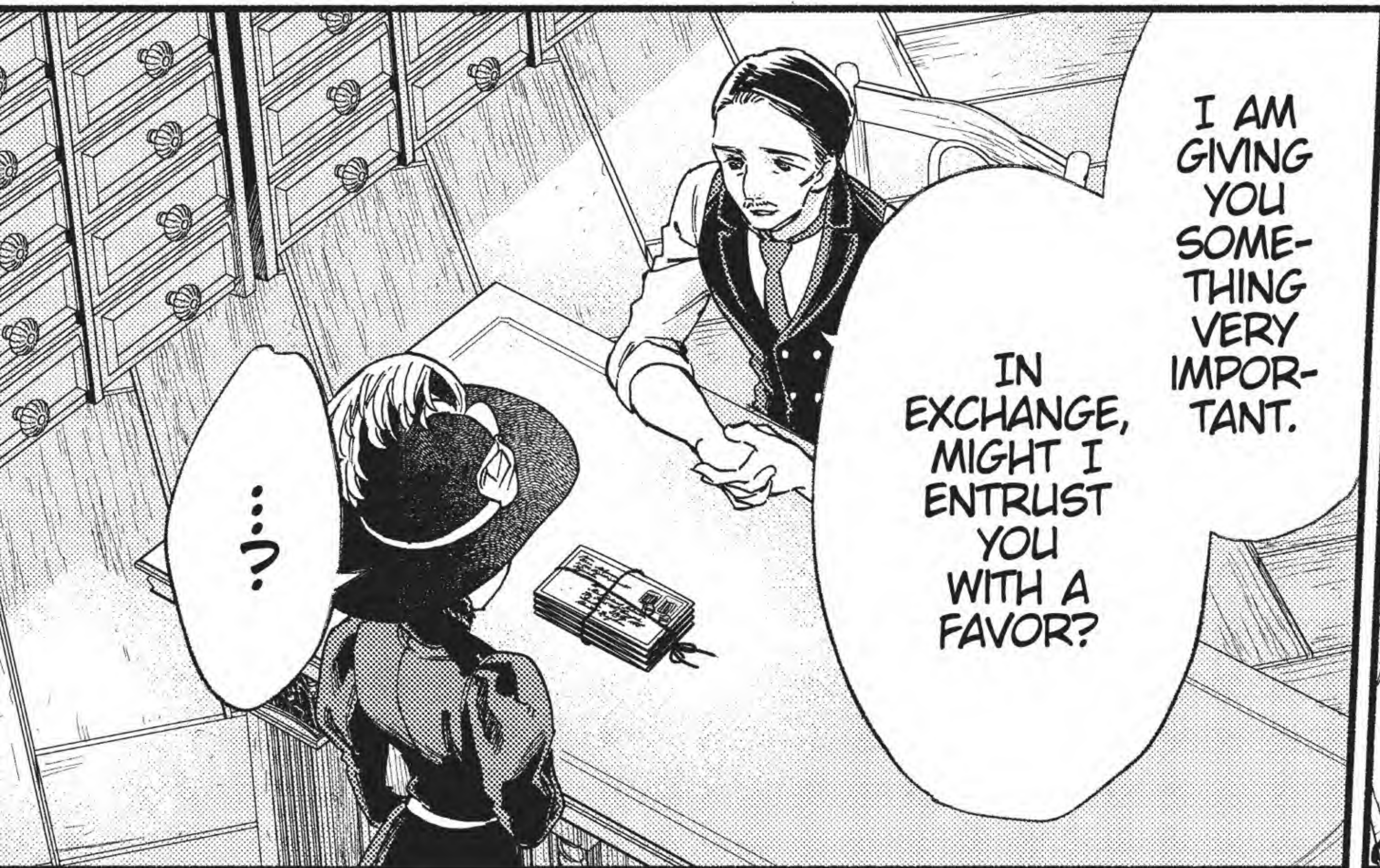
THAT WAS
HER WISH
FOR YOU.



THERE
WAS
NEVER
ANY
NEED.

SHE
NEVER
BLAMED
YOU.







I AM
TERRIBLY
SORRY
YOU
MISSED
HER.

I AM
AFRAID
SO.

ALICE
IS IN
LONDON?



I
MERELY...

WANTED
TO SEE
HER.



NO
MA'AM...
I HAVE NO
MESSAGE
TO SPEAK
OF.

SHALL
I GIVE
HER A
MESSAGE?



HA
HA...

IN THAT
CASE, YOU
HAD BEST
TELL HER
YOURSELF.

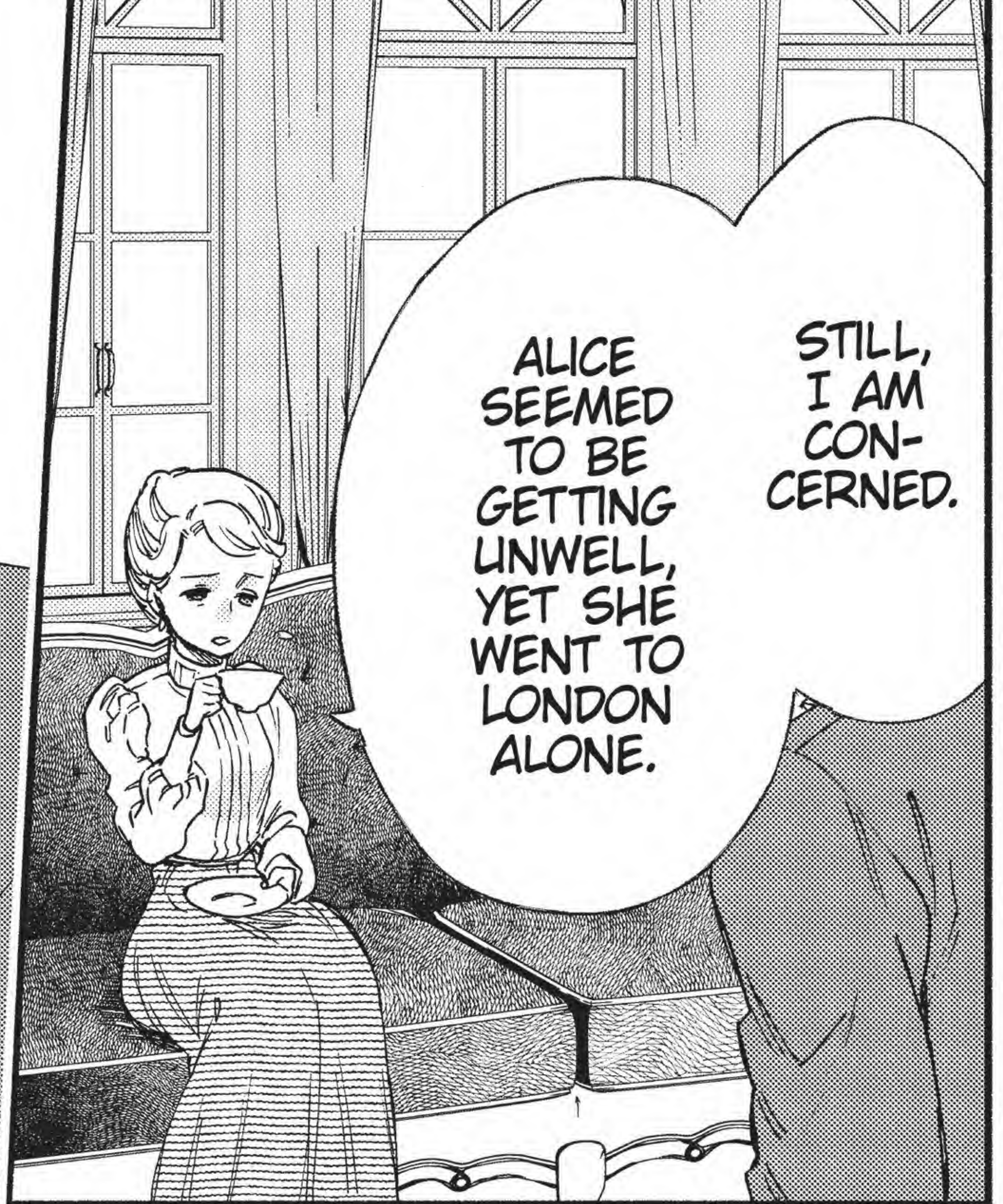
HEE
HEE!



OH
MY...

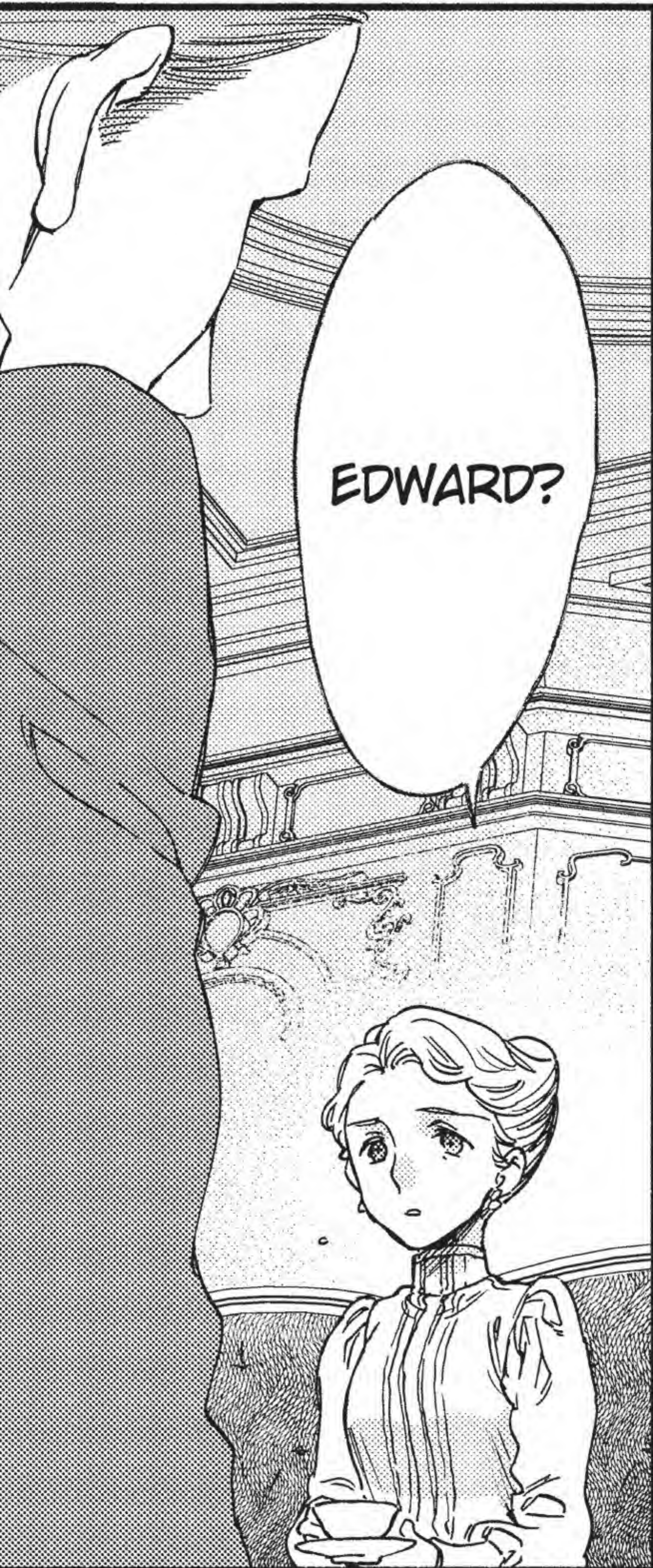


ALONE?

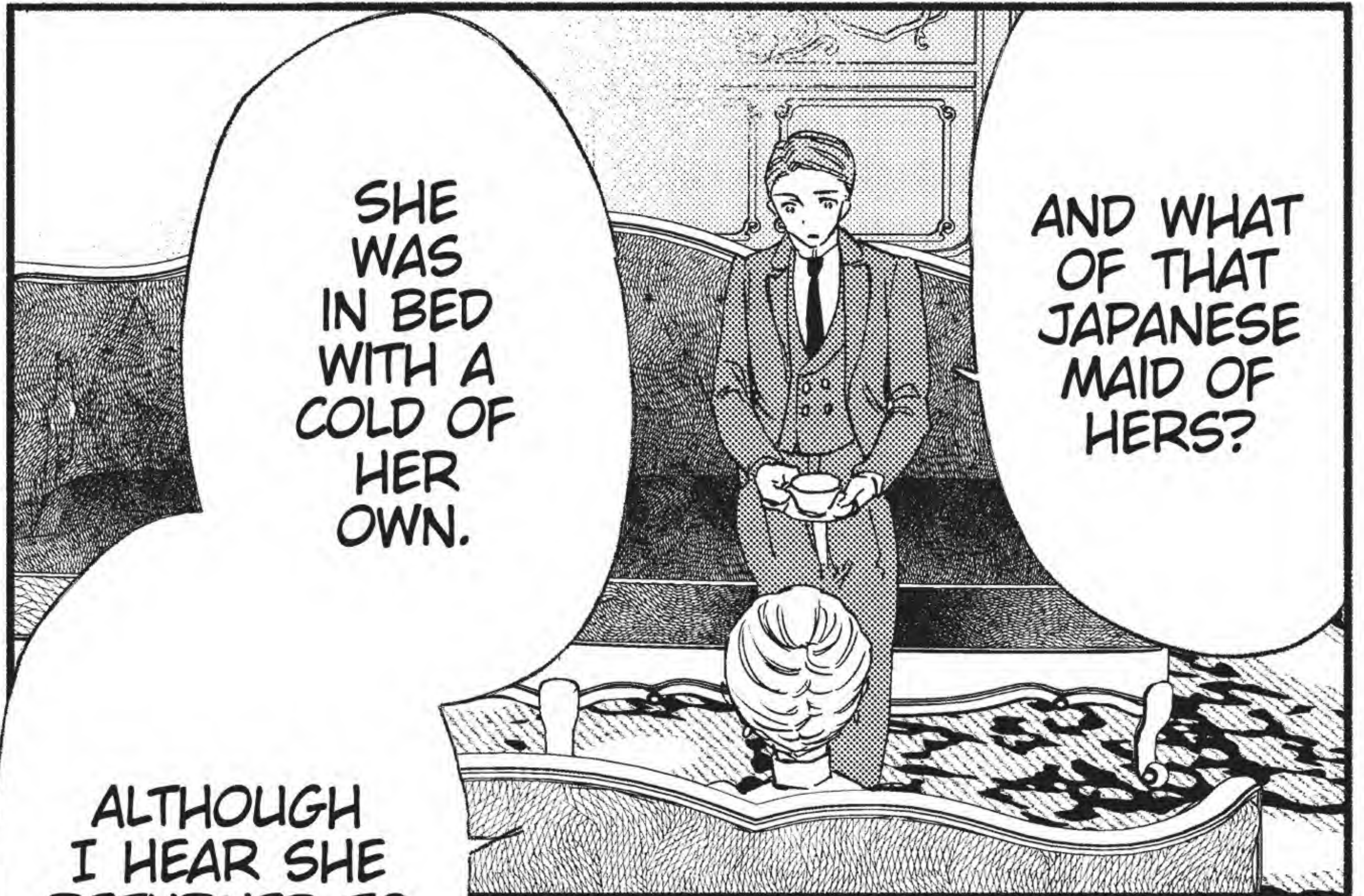


ALICE
SEEMED
TO BE
GETTING
UNWELL,
YET SHE
WENT TO
LONDON
ALONE.

STILL,
I AM
CON-
CERNED.



EDWARD?



SHE
WAS
IN BED
WITH A
COLD OF
HER
OWN.

AND WHAT
OF THAT
JAPANESE
MAID OF
HERS?

ALTHOUGH
I HEAR SHE
RETURNED TO
WORK THIS
AFTERNOON.



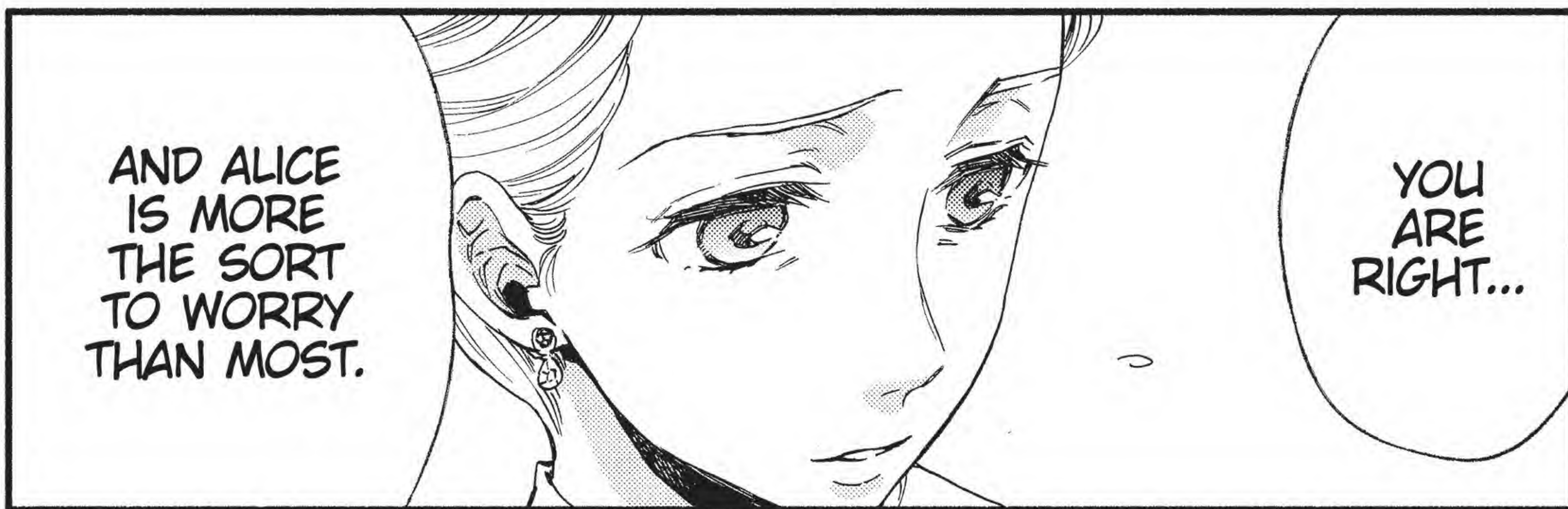
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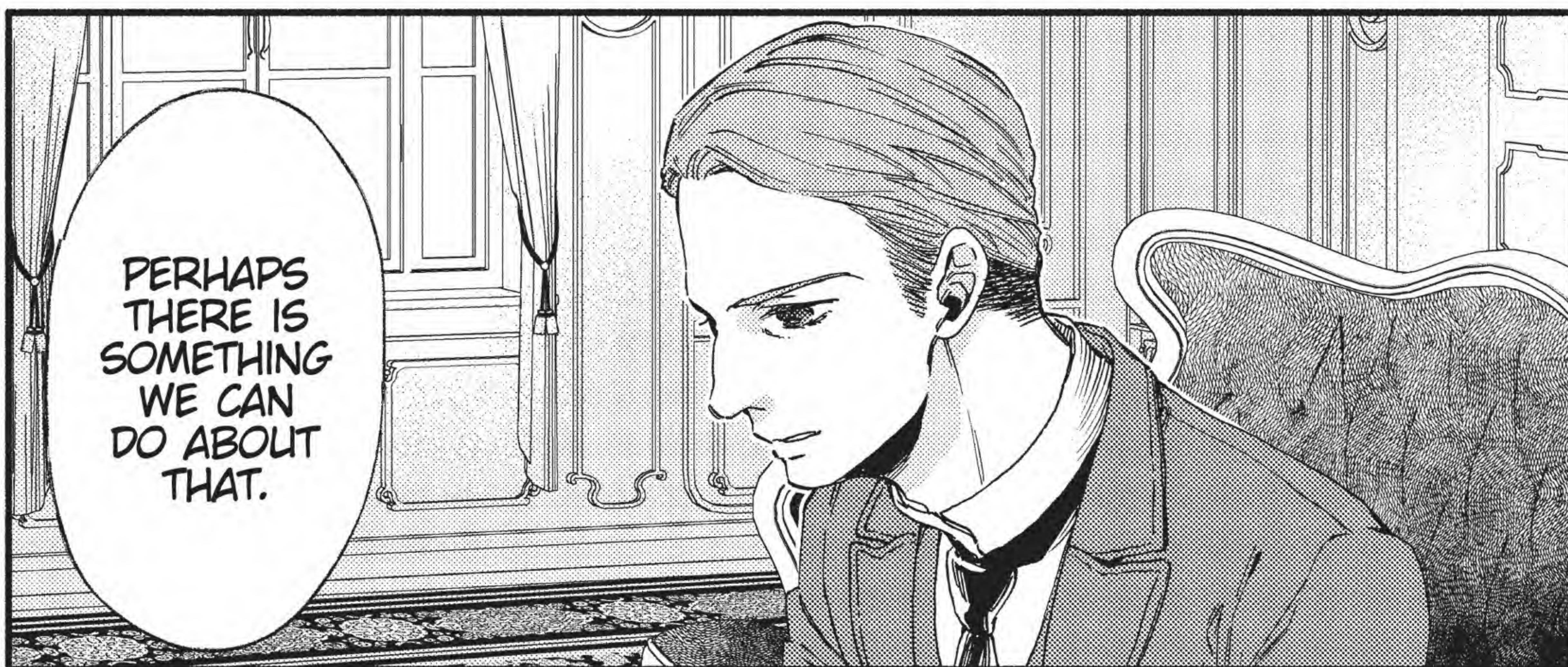
SUCH A
PETITE
WOMAN
EMBARKING
ON THAT
LONG
JOURNEY,
ALL THE
WAY FROM
JAPAN...

OH,
WELL...

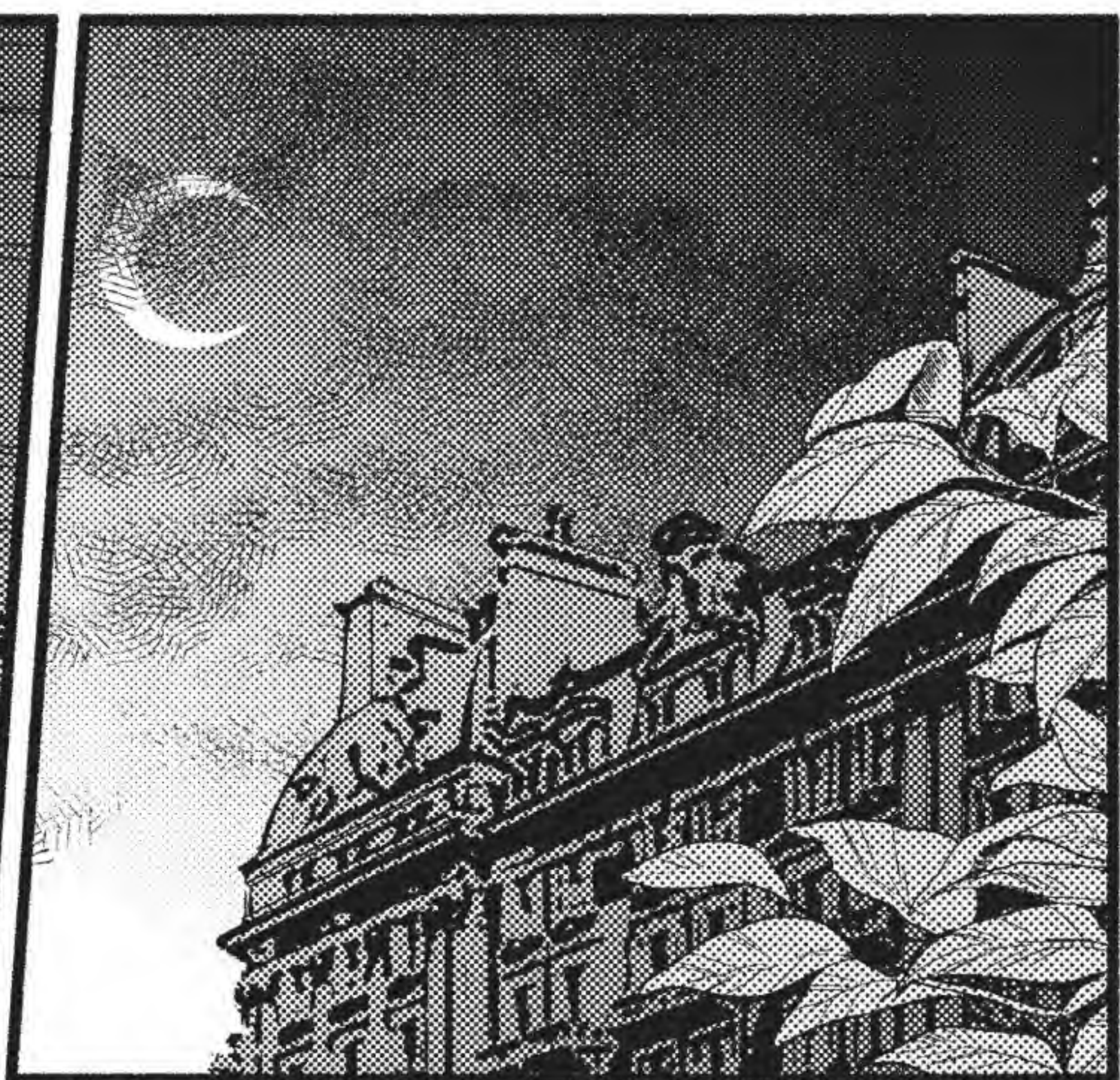
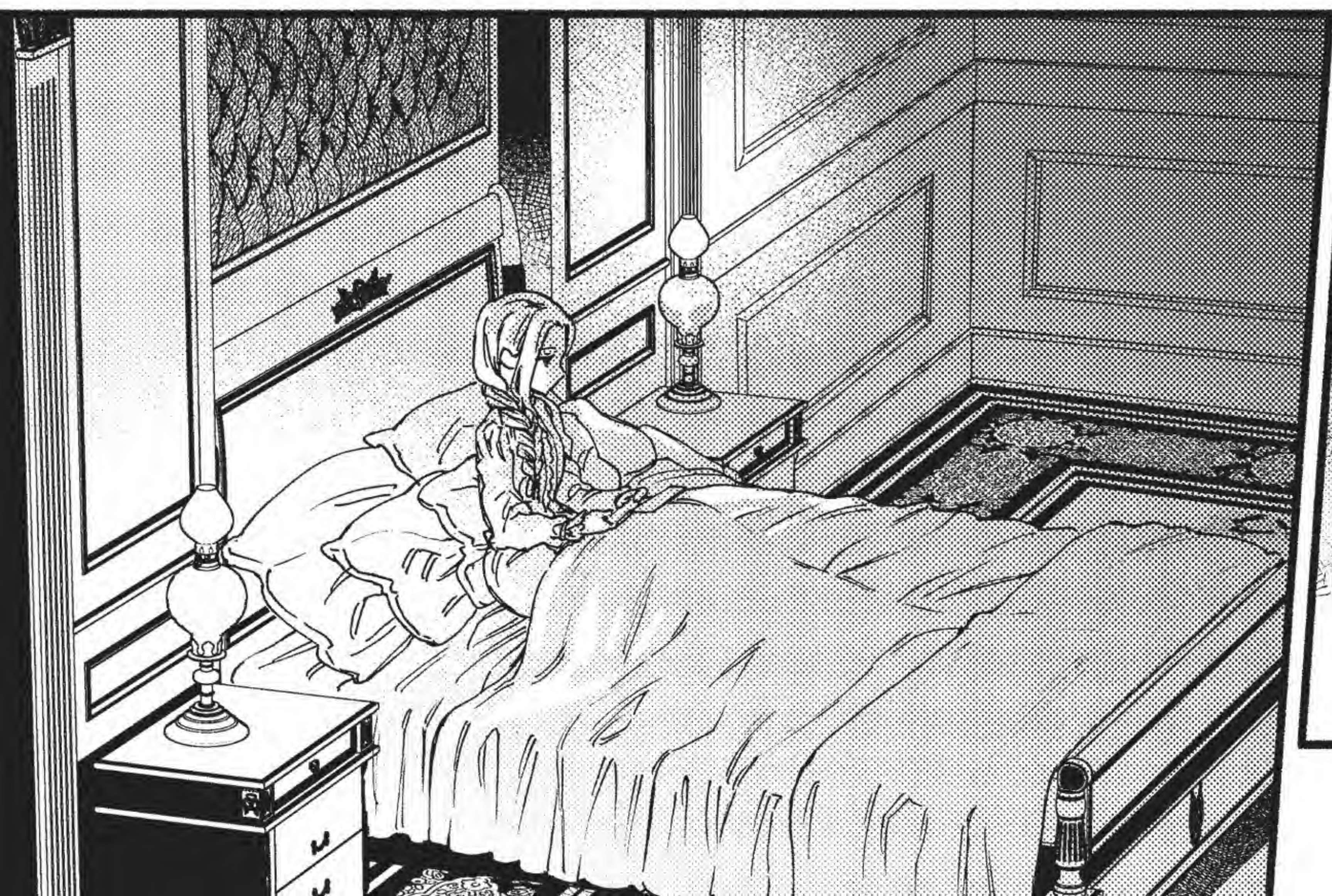
I WAS
JUST
THINKING,
IT MUST
BE HARD
FOR THE
GIRL.



YOU
ARE
RIGHT...



PERHAPS
THERE IS
SOMETHING
WE CAN
DO ABOUT
THAT.



Dear Richard,

Thank you for sending
me Gloriana.

Yours Alice

Dear Richard,

Thank you for sending me
published a book all on her own!

I feel as proud as if I had written it myself. The day it
arrived, I danced around my room. Isn't it strange?

To be so happy...

And the opening phrase, "belief without
action... I was so thrilled to read the
part where the protagonist stands up and declares
that, when accompanied with action, fantasy is a belief we
can be proud of."

To think Alice published a book
all on her own! I feel as proud
as if I had written it myself.

The day it arrived,
I danced around my room.

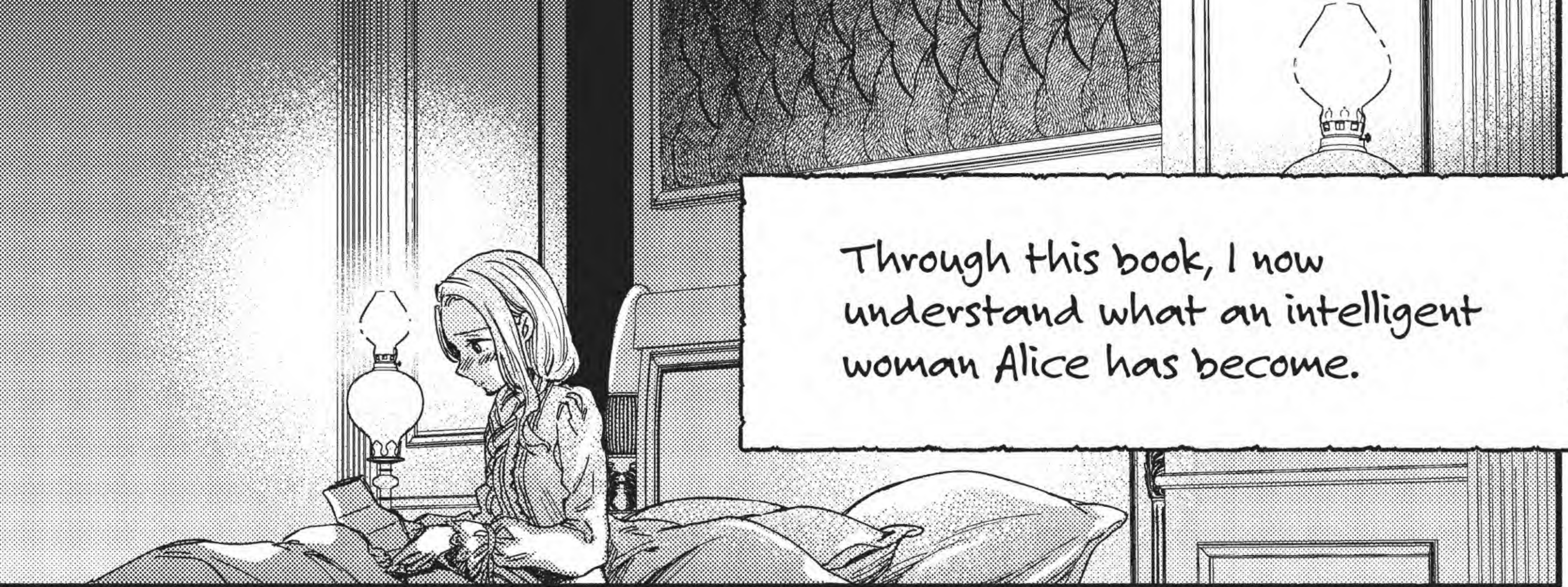
Isn't it strange?

To be so happy...

And the opening phrase,
"belief without action is
just fantasy"...

I was so thrilled to read the part
where the protagonist stands up and
declares that, when accompanied
with action, fantasy is a belief we
can be proud of.





Through this book, I now understand what an intelligent woman Alice has become.

I was so proud and happy!
I felt I couldn't sleep.



Dear Richard,
Thank you for sending me Glorious. To think Alice
published a book all on her own!

I feel as proud as if I had written it myself. The day it
arrived, I danced around my room. Isn't it stronger?

be so happy...
and the opening phrase, "belief without action is just
fantasy" I was so thrilled to read: the part where the
protagonist stands up and declares that, when accompanied
with action, fantasy is a belief that can be proud of.

Through this book, I now understand what an intelligent woman
Alice has become. I was so proud and happy!
I felt I couldn't sleep.


MISS
ELIZA...

PLIP


EVEN NOW,
MISS ELIZA
IS STILL...

WATCHING
OVER ME
WITH THOSE
GENTLE
EYES.






The cherry blossoms here in Japan are truly something to behold.

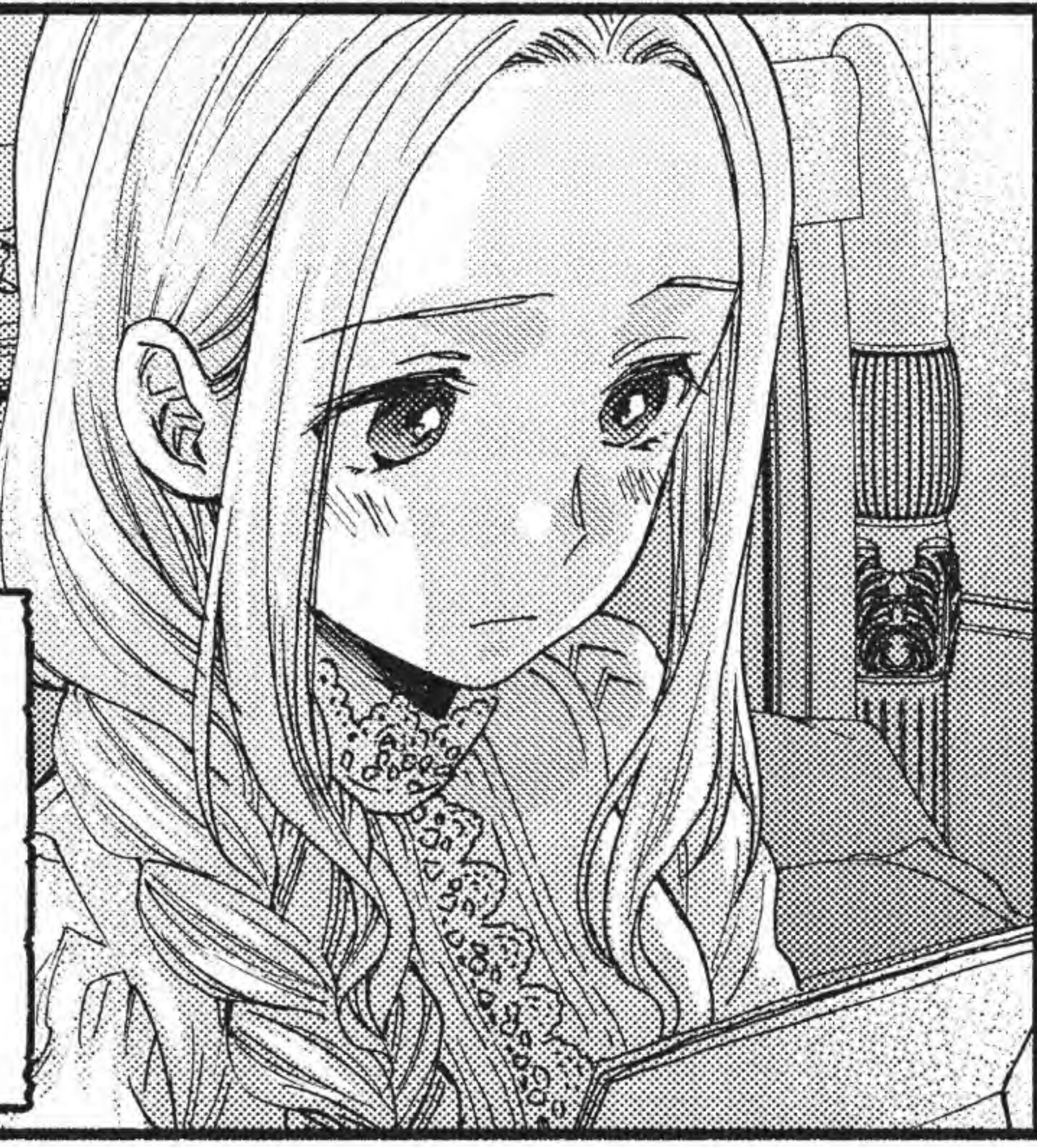


They are so beautiful and transient. The people here love them...

these tiny flowers that fall away like pieces of a dream.



I love them too, so I suppose you could say I have come to love it here.

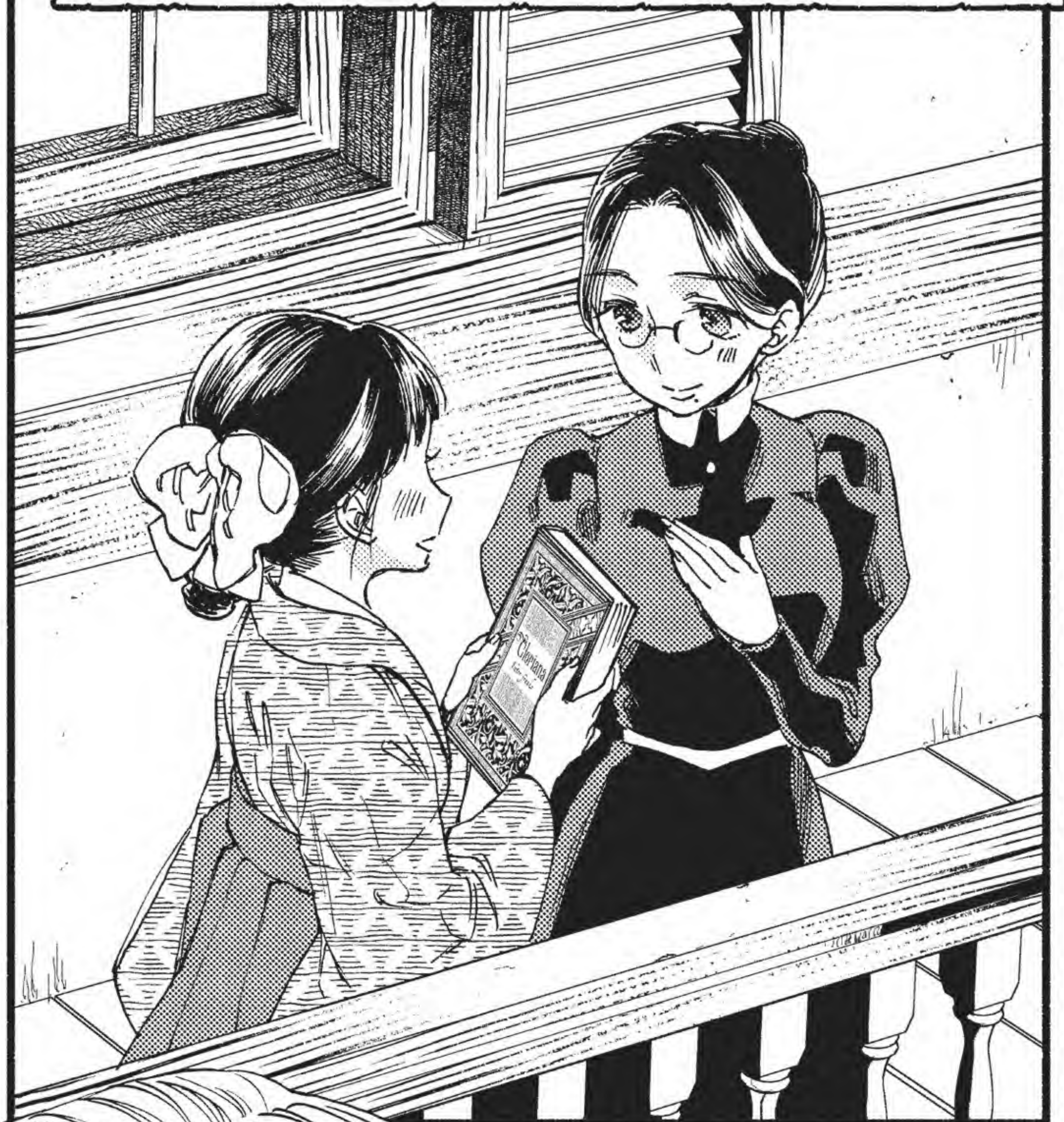


I write to ask a favor.

Could you please send me another copy of *Gloriana*?



I lent my copy to a woman with whom I have become acquainted, and she became just as enamored with it as I.



She wishes to become someone who can write something like this.

Her eyes shine like the sun...



just as Alice's did when she was a child.

I cannot help but ask
for a copy for her.

*Honoko,
All the best
for your future,
Eliza McGovern*

**I TRULY
CAN
TRUST
HER.**

**SO,
SHE
IS NOT
HERE TO
PUNISH
ME.**

**DOES
SHE
MEAN
HANAKO?**

**BUT
WHY...?**

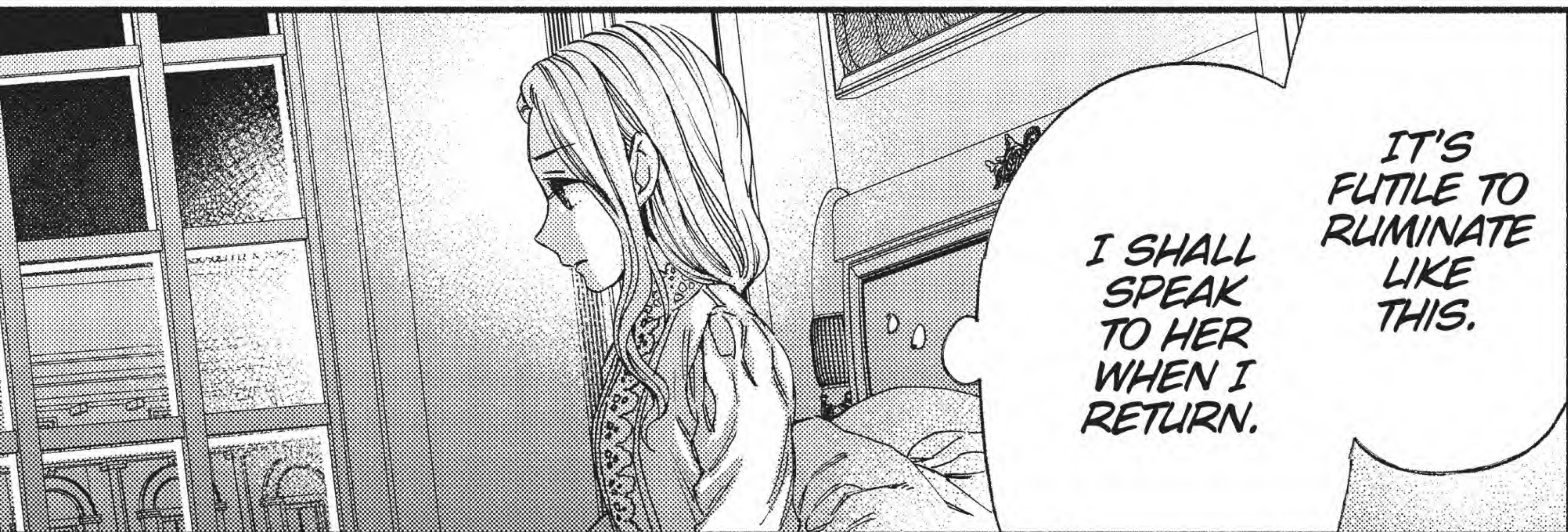


NO...

SO WHY
HIDE THE
TRUTH
FROM
ME?



I KNEW
SHE COULD
NOT HAVE
SUCH DARK
SECRETS...



I SHALL
SPEAK
TO HER
WHEN I
RETURN.

IT'S
FUTILE TO
RUMINATE
LIKE
THIS.

SO THAT
WE MAY
FACE EACH
OTHER
HONESTLY...



TO BRING
BOTH OUR
SECRETS
INTO THE
LIGHT...



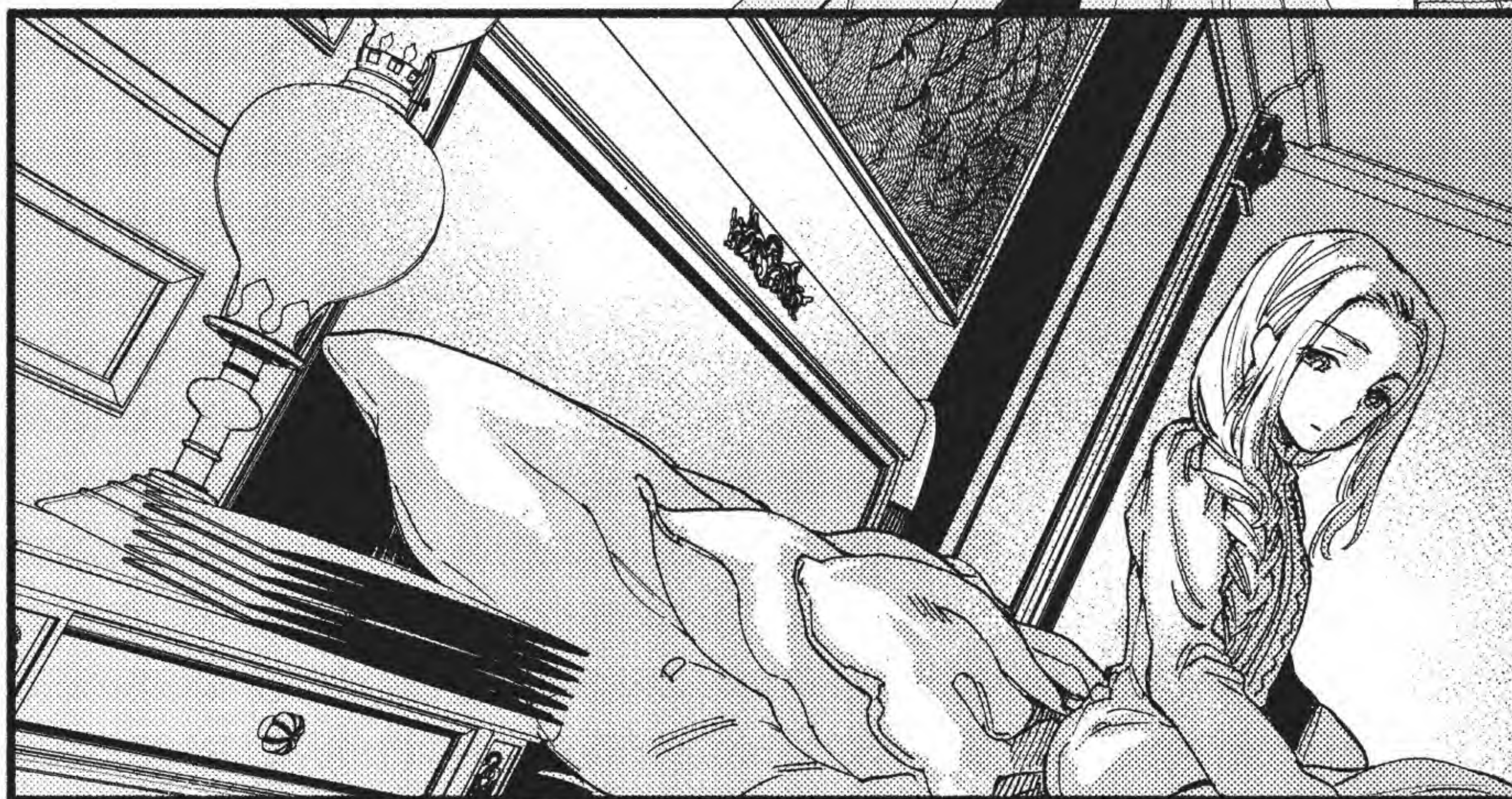
"BELIEF
WITHOUT
ACTION
IS JUST
FANTASY"...

WAS
IT?

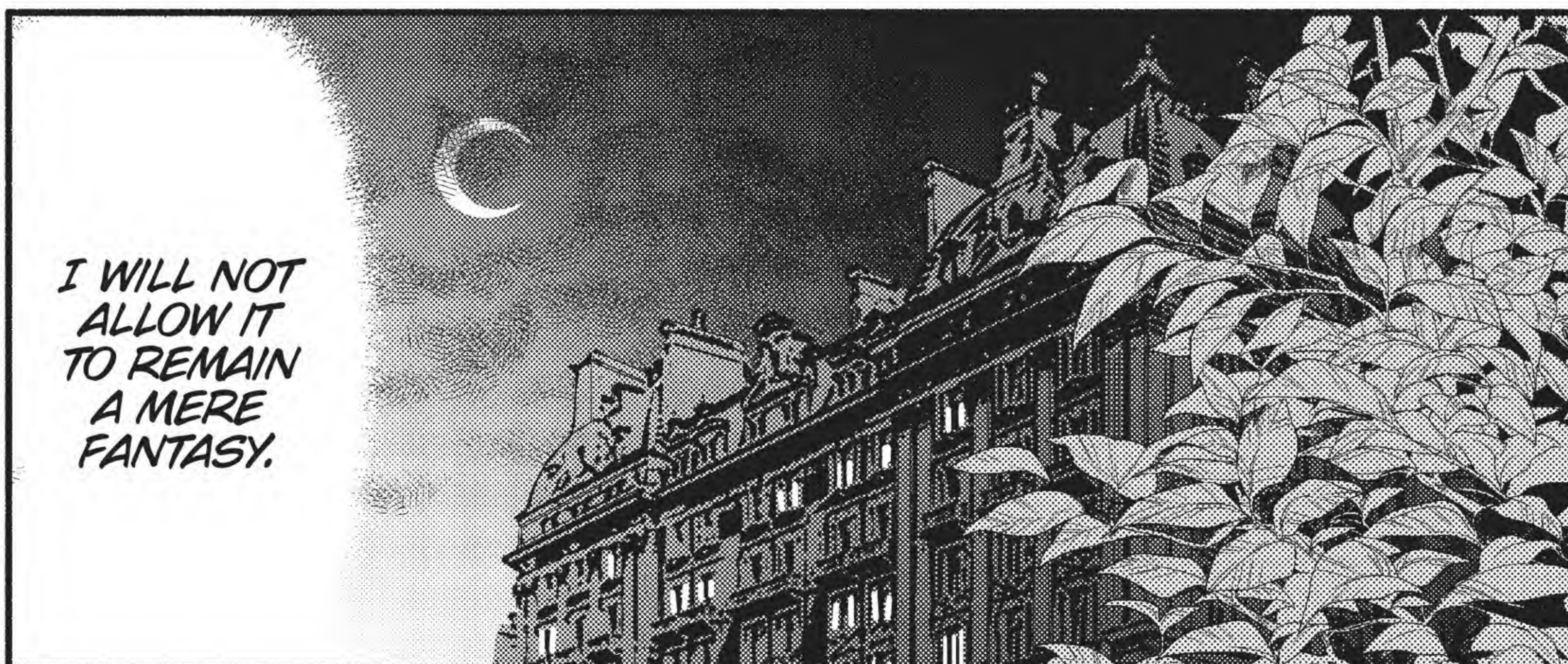
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THEN,
EVEN
AS WE
ENDURE
OUR OWN
LONELINESS,
WE CAN
DO SO
TOGETHER.



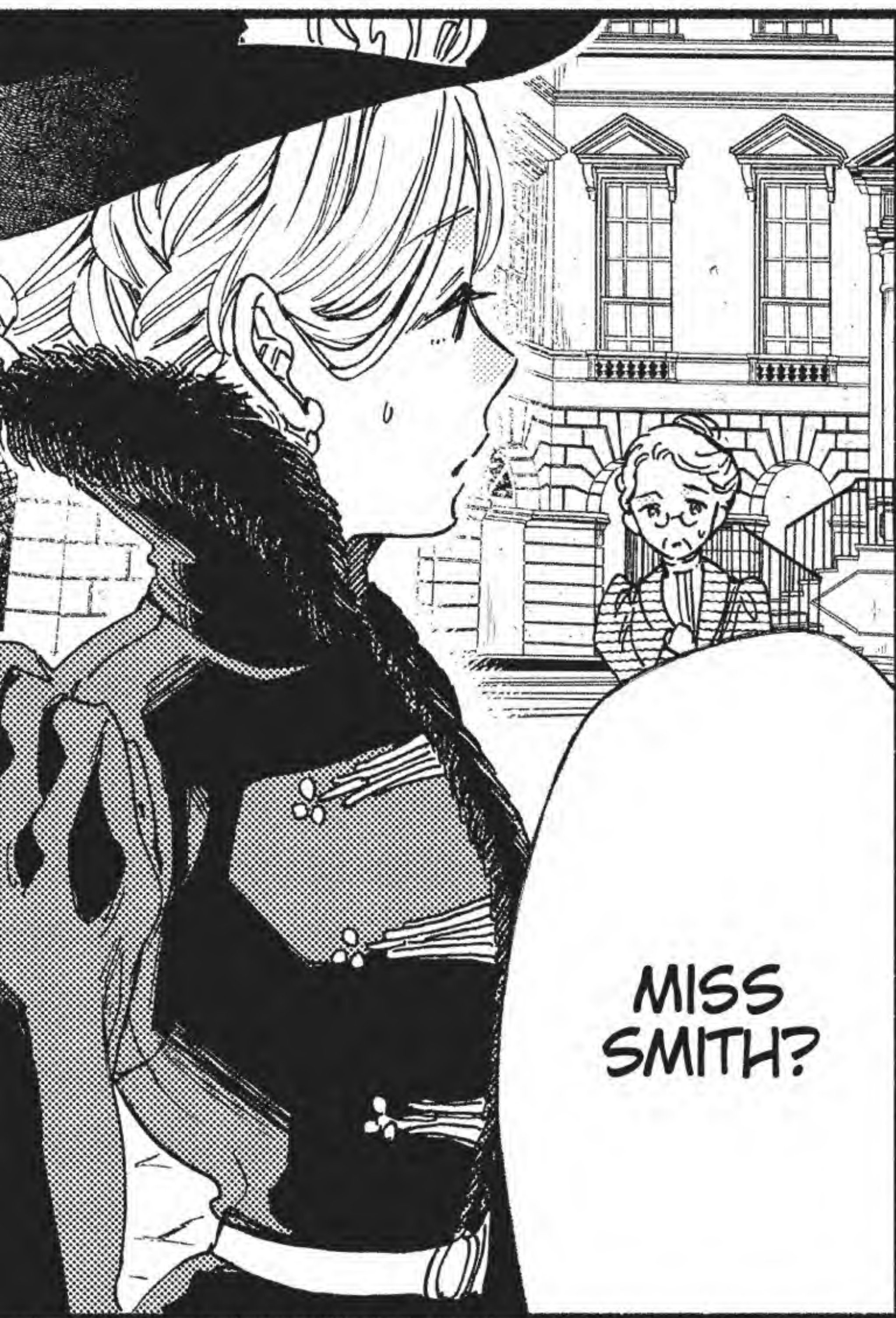
I WANT
TO BE
FORTH-
COMING
WITH
HER.



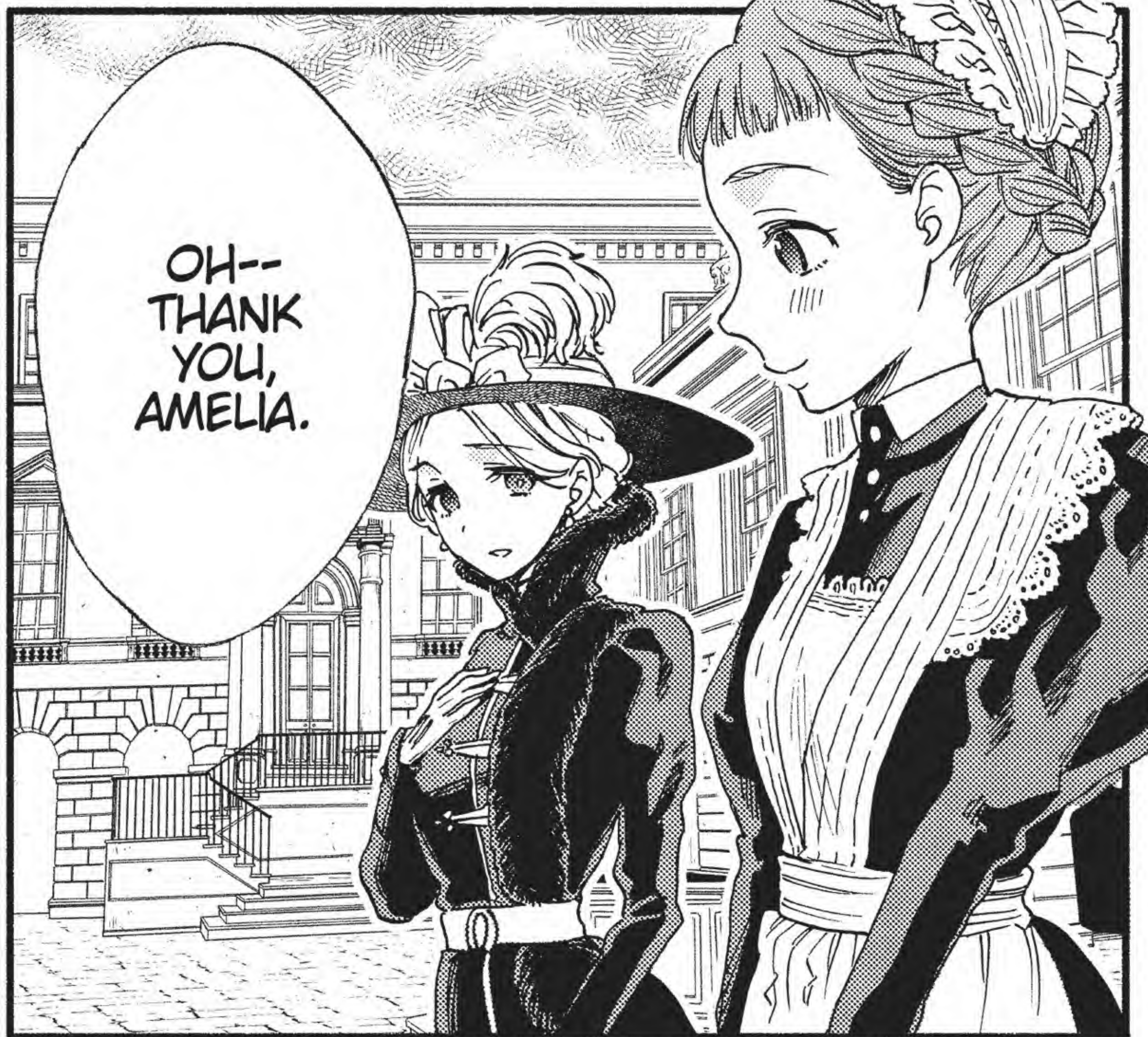
I WILL NOT
ALLOW IT
TO REMAIN
A MERE
FANTASY.



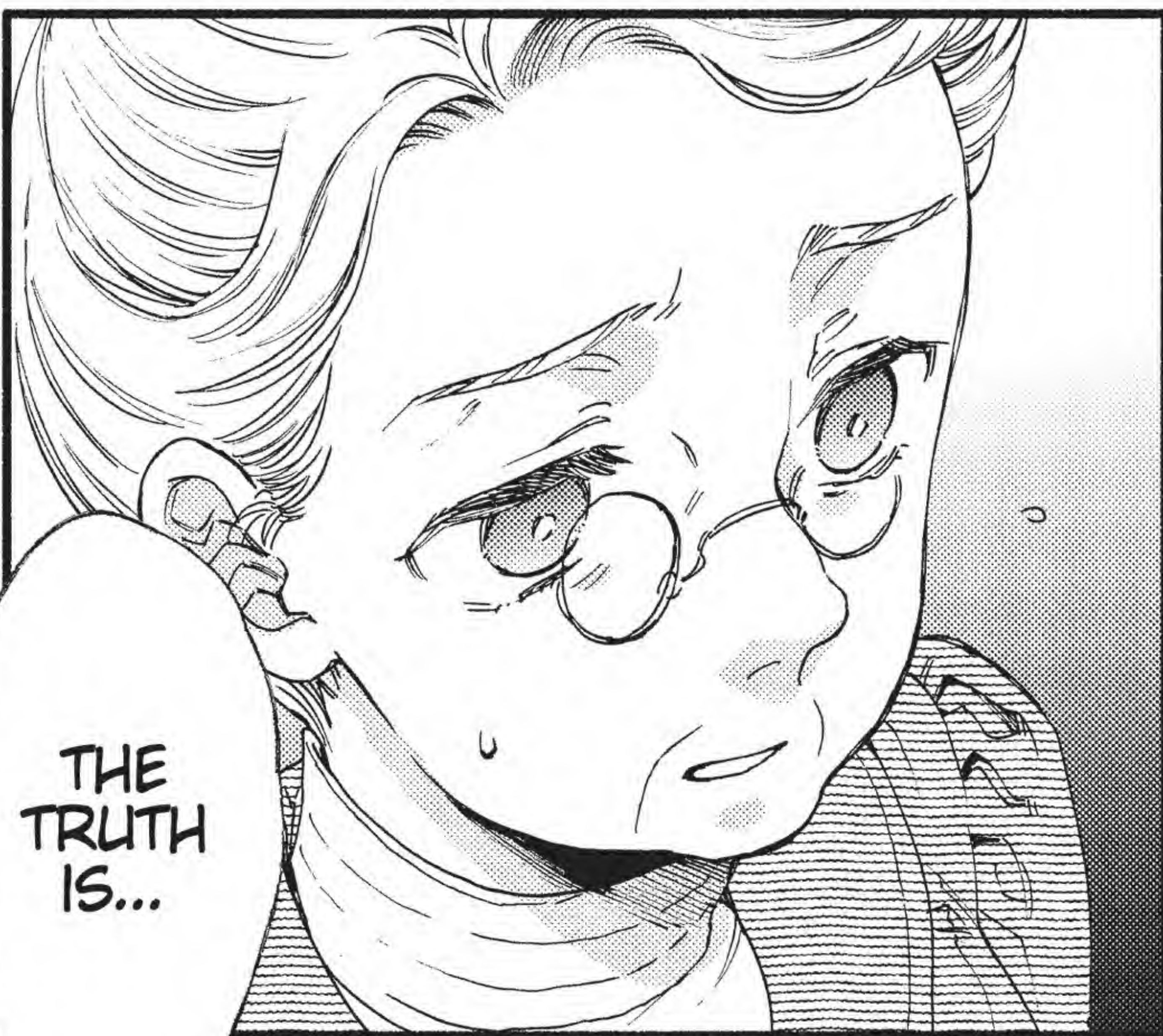
I'LL TAKE
YOUR
LUGGAGE
TO YOUR
ROOM.



MISS
SMITH?



OH--
THANK
YOU,
AMELIA.

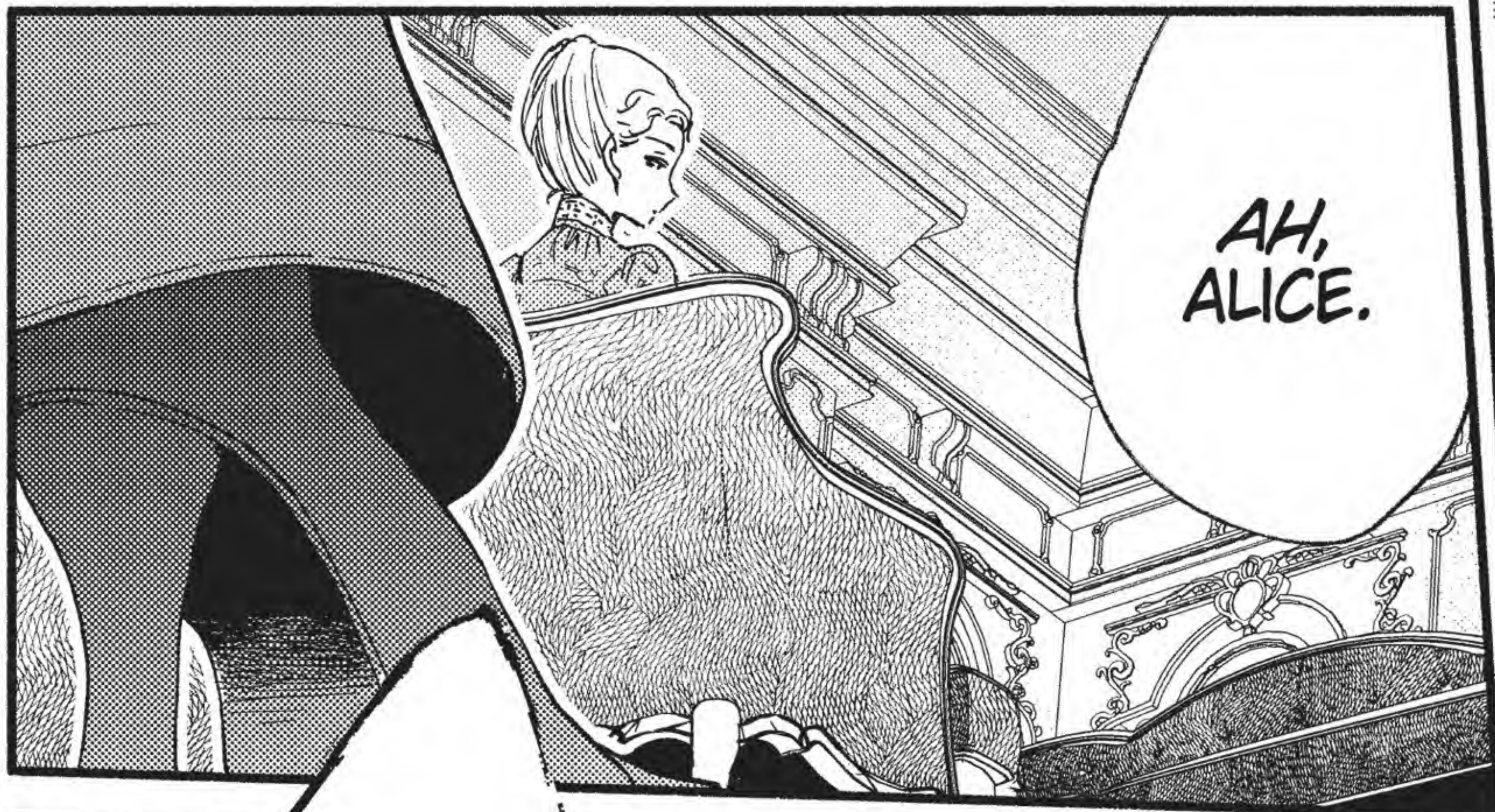


THE
TRUTH
IS...



NO,
LADY
ALICE...

IS
HANAKO
STILL
UNWELL?



AH,
ALICE.



MOTHER!

WHAT...

HAVE
YOU
DONE
WITH
HANAKO
?!



I MERELY
GRANTED
HER AN
EXTENDED
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE
SO THAT
SHE MIGHT
RECOVER.



CALM
DOWN.



LEAVE...
OF
ABSENCE
...?



POOR
THING--
THE WAY YOU
DRAG HER
AROUND,
SHE NEVER
GETS A
MOMENT TO
HERSELF.

YOU WERE
CONCERNED
ABOUT HER
HEATH,
AFTER
ALL.

SHE HAS
ENDURED
MUCH
HARDSHIP,
ADJUSTING
TO LIVING
IN A
FOREIGN
COUNTRY.



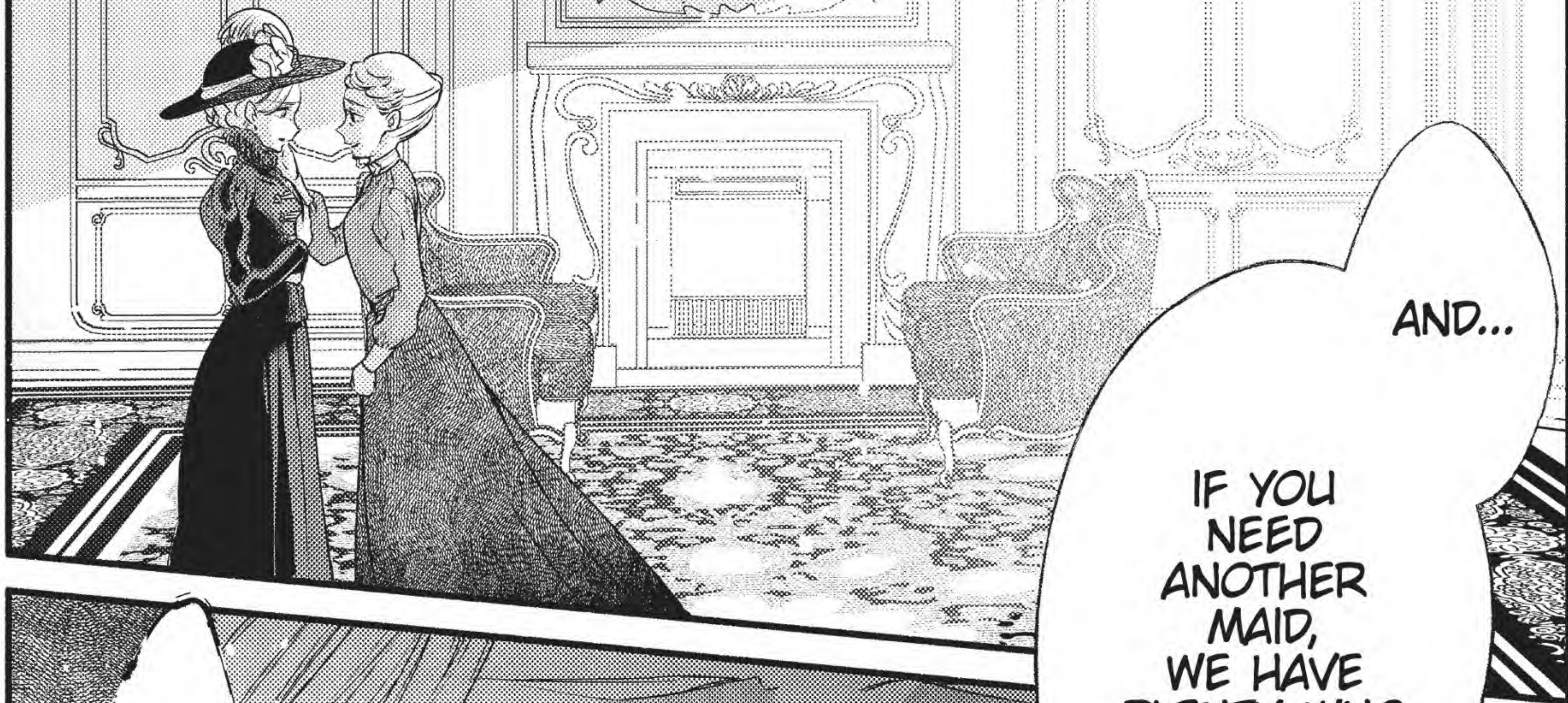
IT
IS...

JUST
FOR A
WHILE.

NO
NEED TO
WORRY.

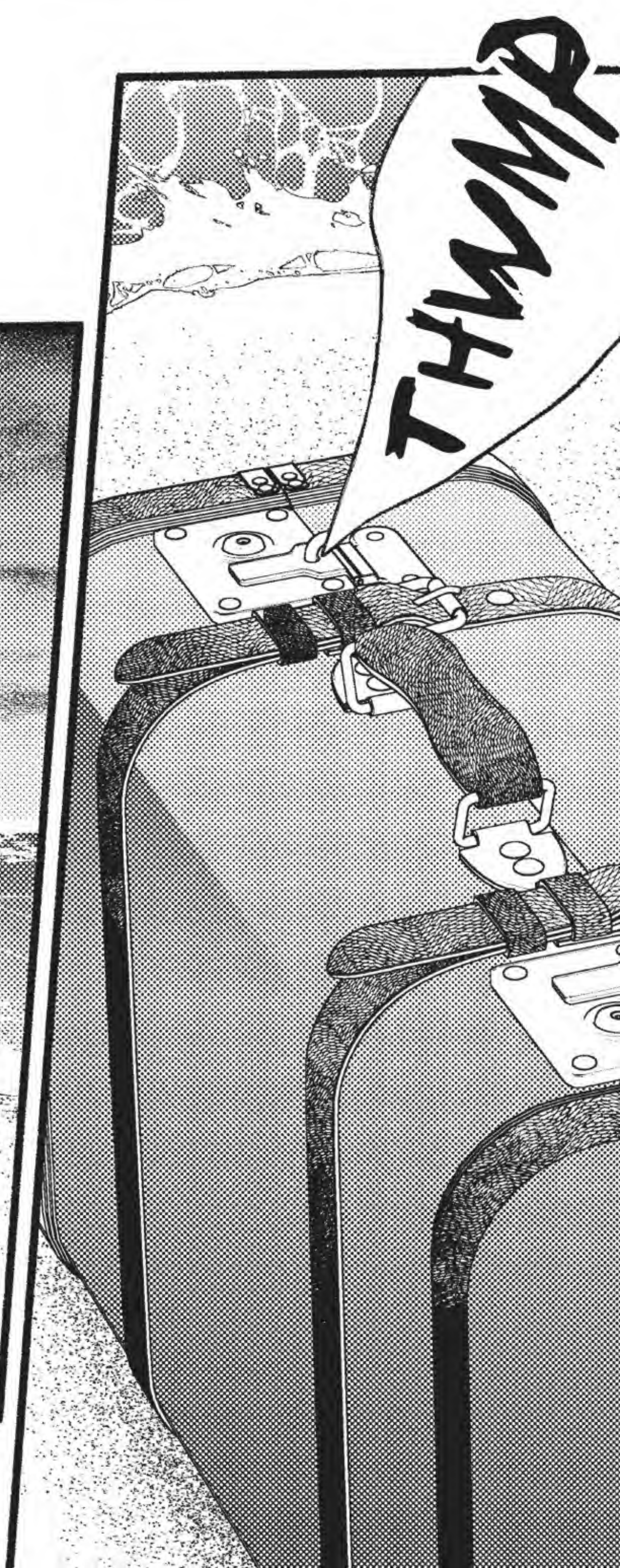
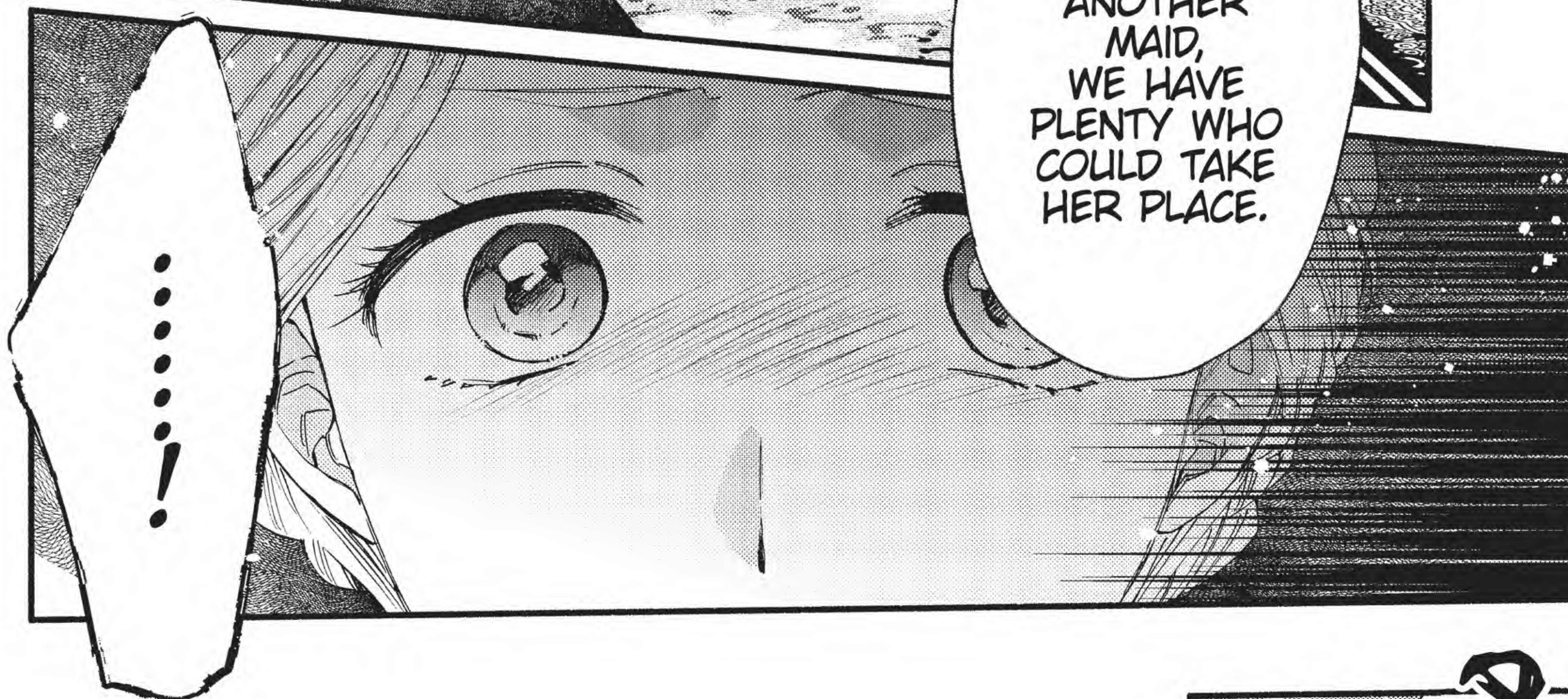
BUT...

WHY...?



AND...

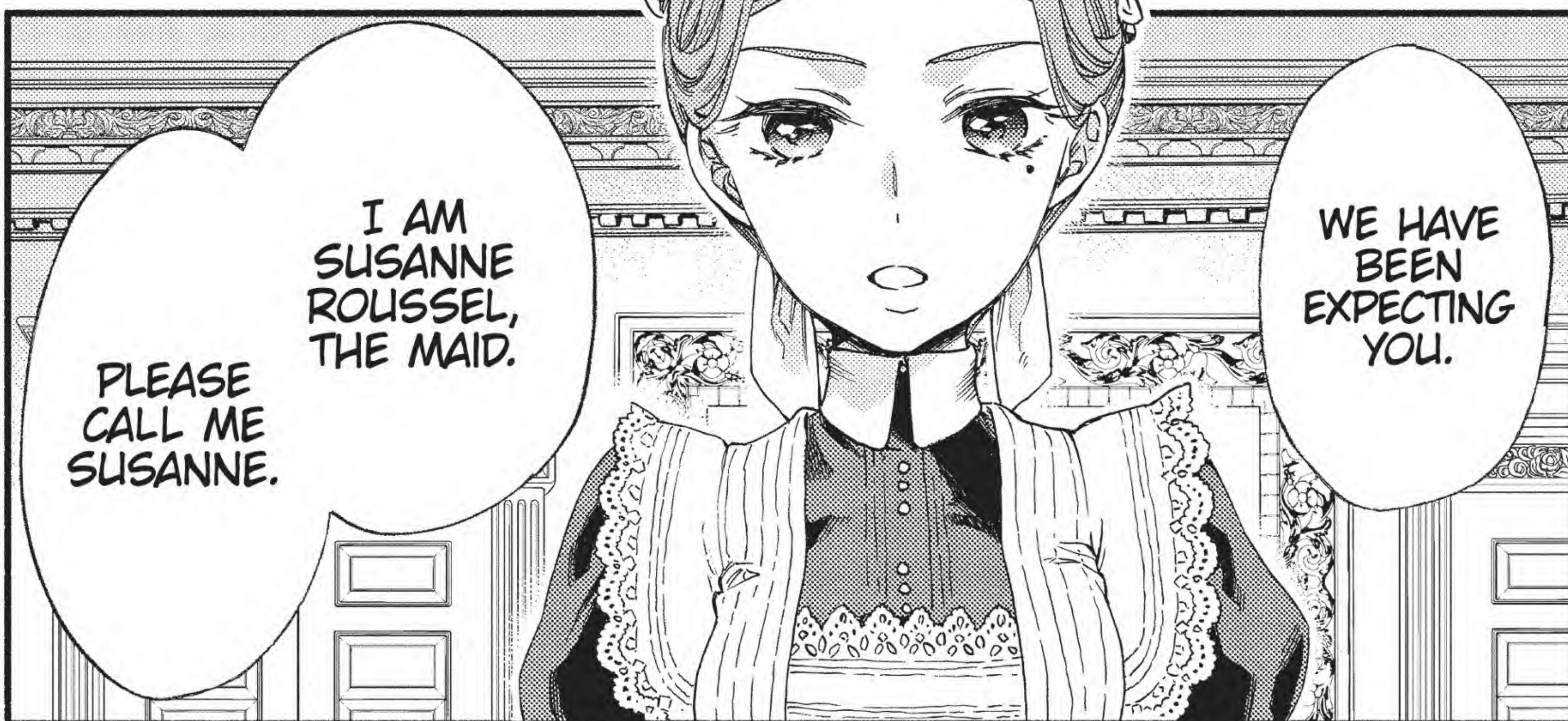
IF YOU
NEED
ANOTHER
MAID,
WE HAVE
PLENTY WHO
COULD TAKE
HER PLACE.





LORD
EDWARD
TOLD
ME ALL
ABOUT
YOU.

YOU
MUST BE
MISS
KUJOU.



PLEASE
CALL ME
SUSANNE.

I AM
SUSANNE
ROUSSEL,
THE MAID.

WE HAVE
BEEN
EXPECTING
YOU.



AND
I'M NOT
NOBILITY,
SO PLEASE
DON'T
BE SO
FORMAL.

JUST
CALL ME
HANAKO.



OH NO,
THANK
YOU.
I CAN
CARRY
IT
MYSELF.

I WILL
SHOW
YOU TO
YOUR
ROOM.
ALLOW
ME TO
TAKE
YOUR
LUGGAGE.



MISS
KUJOU.

YOU ARE
LORD
EDWARD'S
HONORED
GUEST...

NO...



OH YES,
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.

PLEASE
USE THE
BELL IF
YOU NEED
ANYTHING.

I'LL
TAKE
MY
LEAVE.



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

WHAT
AN EX-
TRA-
VAGANT
ROOM...

BUT IT
DOES
NOTHING
TO LIFT
MY
SPIRITS.



{ Chapter 10 }

The Sea Breeze Draws the Sun's Radiance





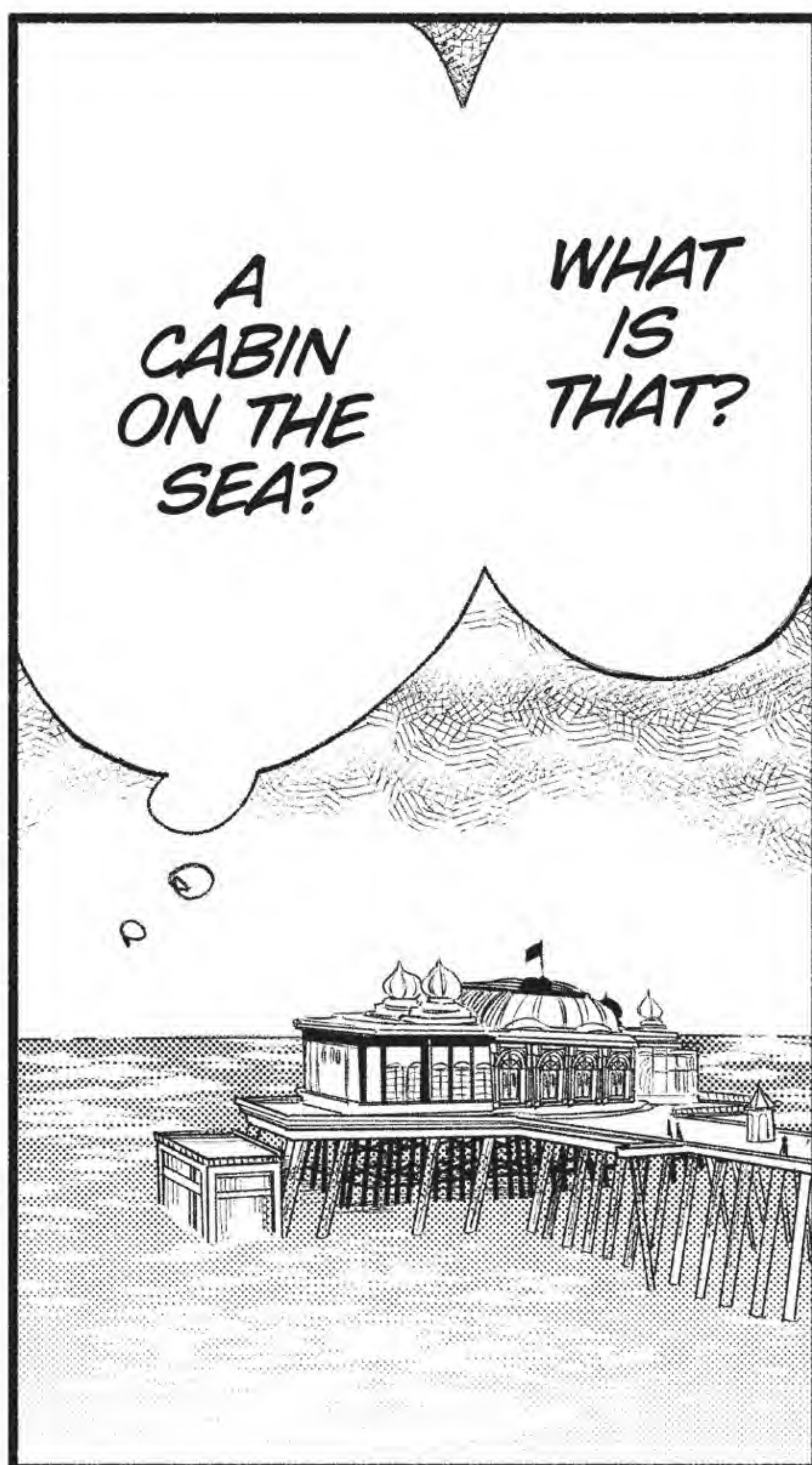
THE
SEA...THE
SCENT OF
THE SKY
BEFORE
THE RAIN.

I'VE...

NEVER
BEEN
HERE, YET
THIS PLACE
FEELS SO
NOSTALGIC.

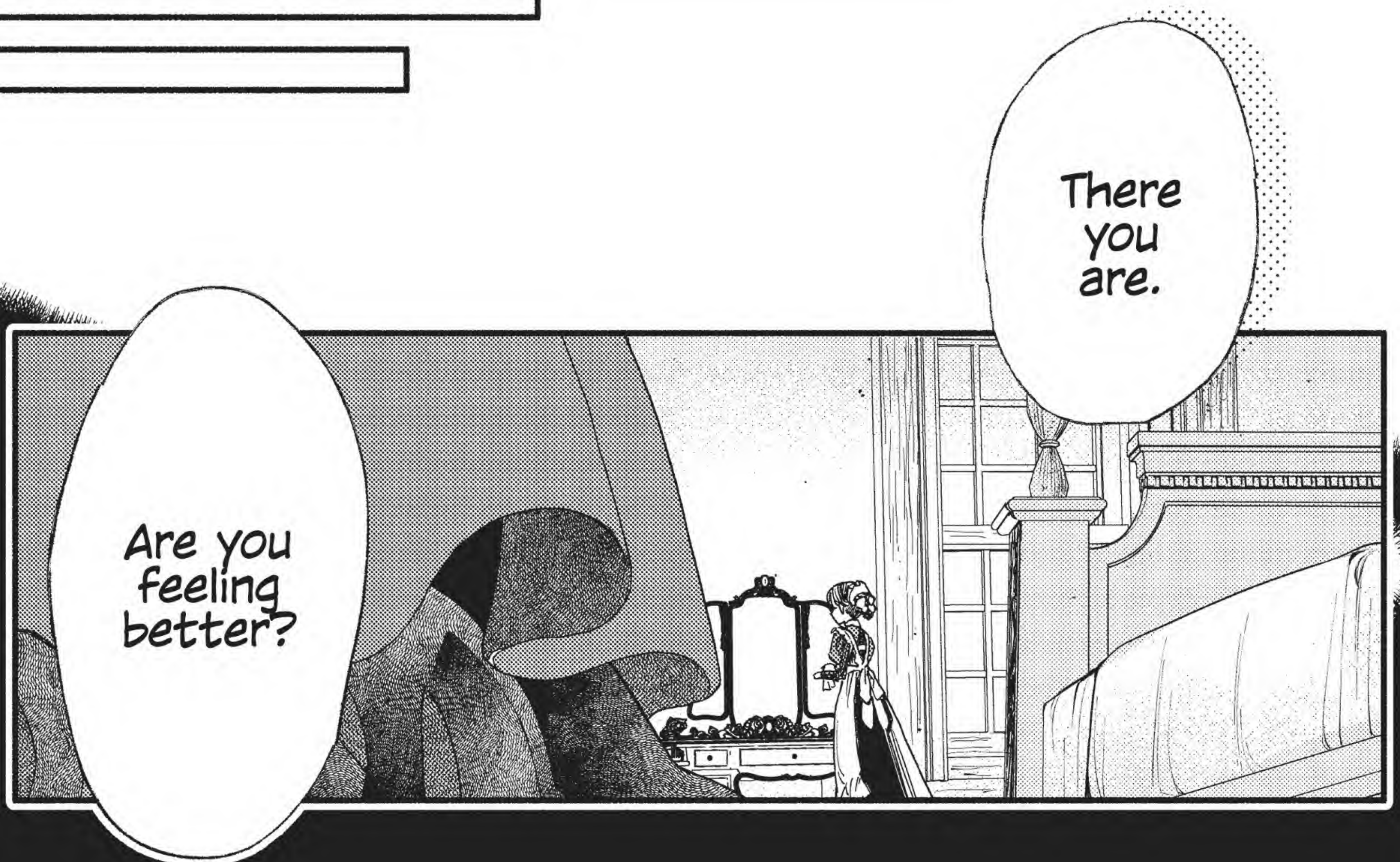


I SUSPECT
THIS PLACE
MUST BE
BUSY IN
SUMMER.



A
CABIN
ON THE
SEA?

WHAT
IS
THAT?

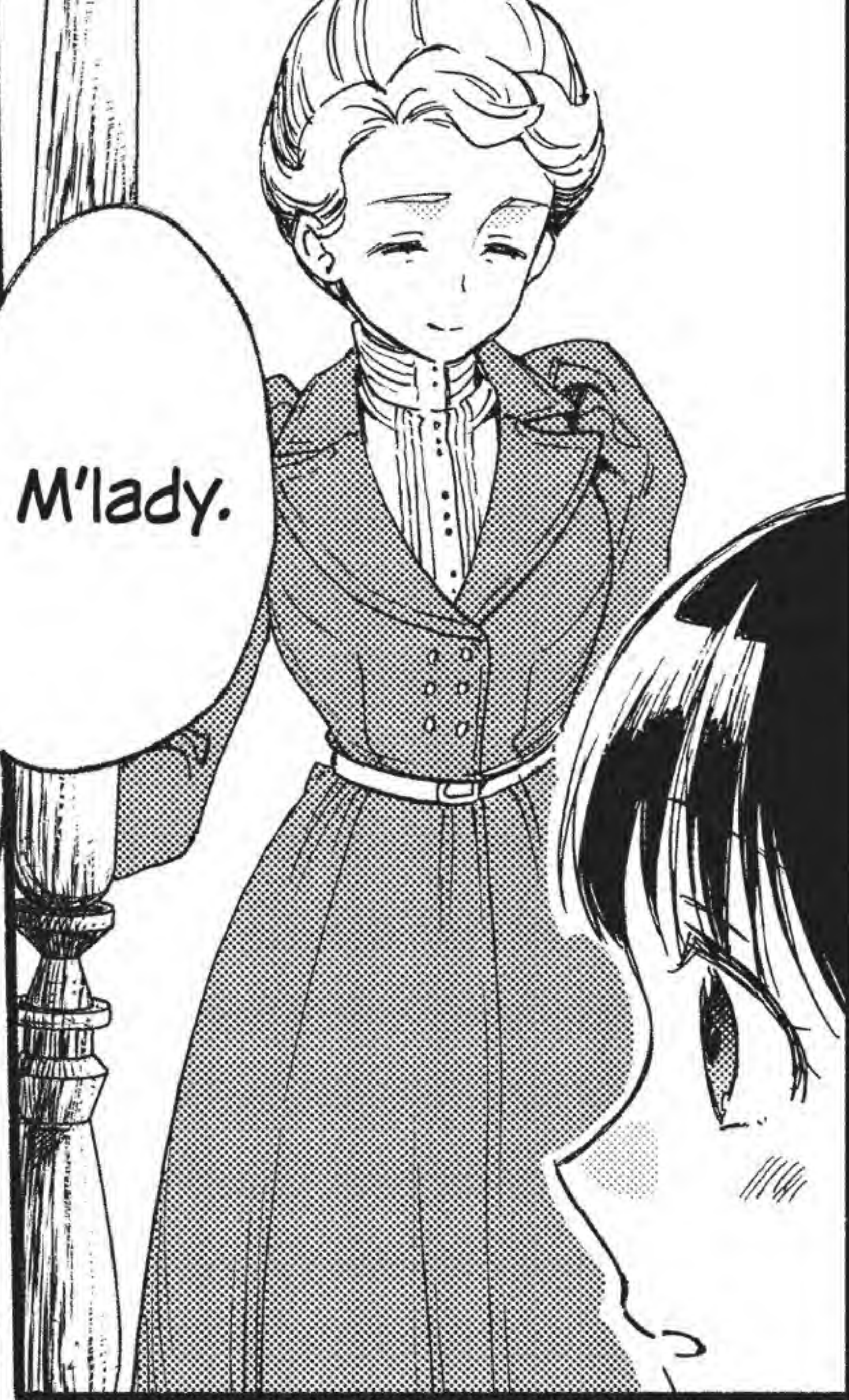




I am pleased to hear that.

Yes, my fever has broken, thank you for your concern.

M'lady.



Lady Alice treats me very well.

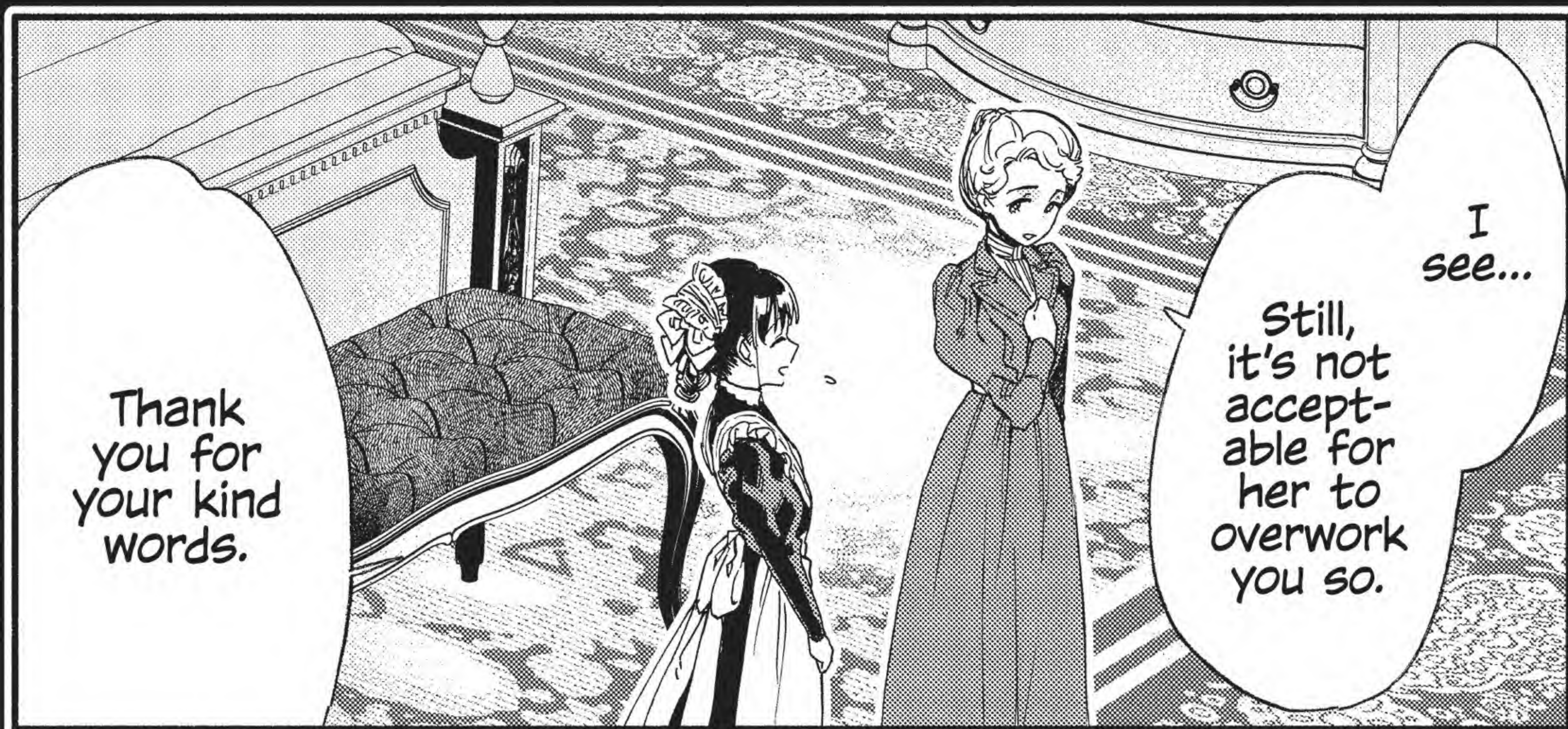
Oh, no!



I do apologize for that.

Alice is always dragging you around.

You have not had a moment of rest.



Thank you for your kind words.

I see...

Still, it's not acceptable for her to overwork you so.



No,
ma'am...

...?



You
know,
I have
been
thinking...

Are you
familiar
with
Hastings,
south of
London?



Edward has
generously
offered it
to you for
an extended
vacation.

but no
one is
using
it at
present.

Edward's
family
owns a
second
home
there...

It's a
delightful
little
town
by the
sea.



Extended
vacation?



I know
this is
what
Alice
wants
as
well.



Oh...

I truly
am
grateful
for your
kindness,
but--



No
need...

to
be so
modest,
Miss
Hanako.



!!!

LADY
ALICE
MUST
HAVE
SENSED...

MY
DESPIC-
ABLE
JEALOUSY.



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO
NOW...?



WITHOUT
MEETING
VICTOR...

BUT...

I
DON'T
WANT
TO
LEAVE...





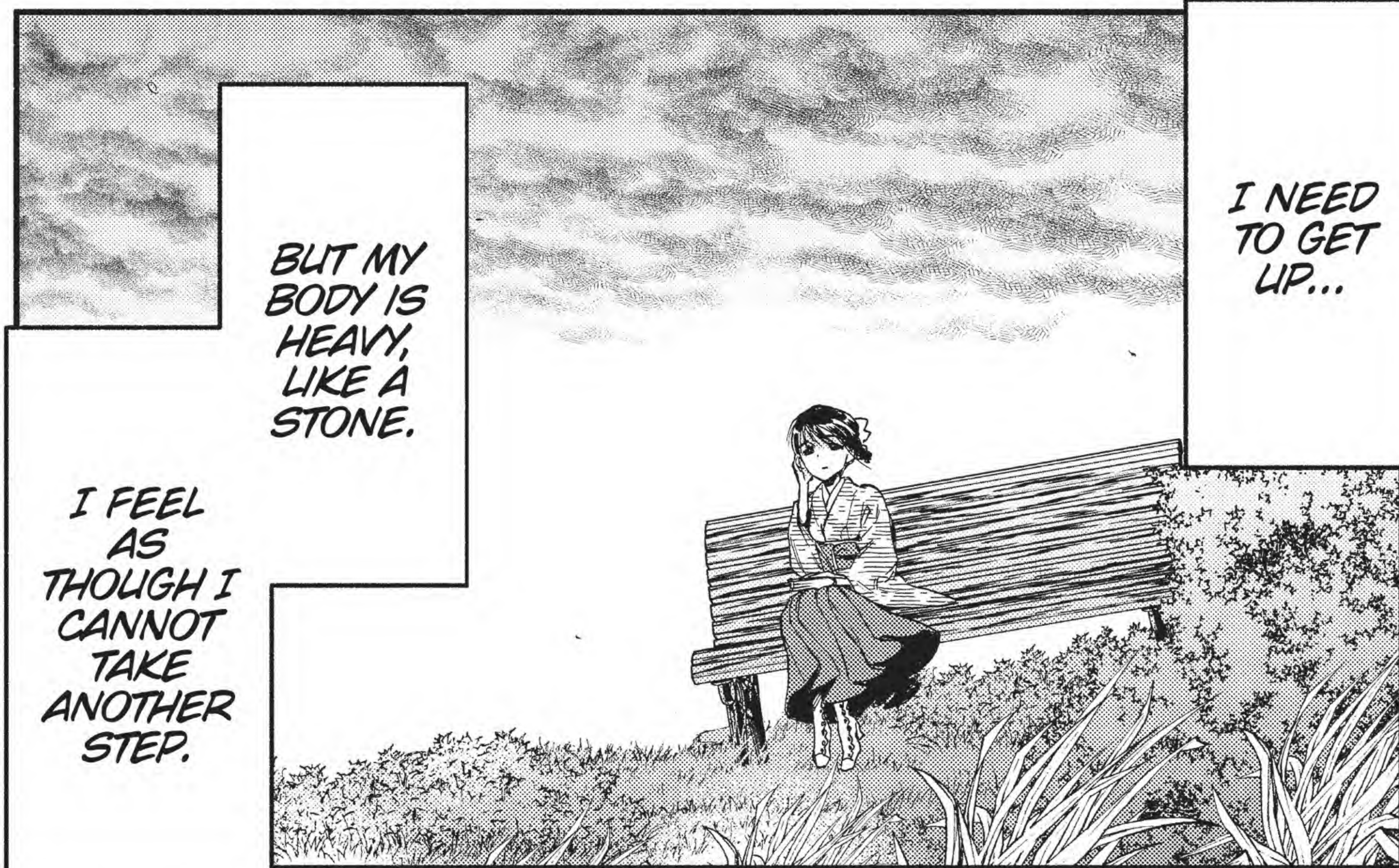
RAIN
IS
COMING...



I
CANNOT
REMAIN
BY LADY
ALICE'S
SIDE.



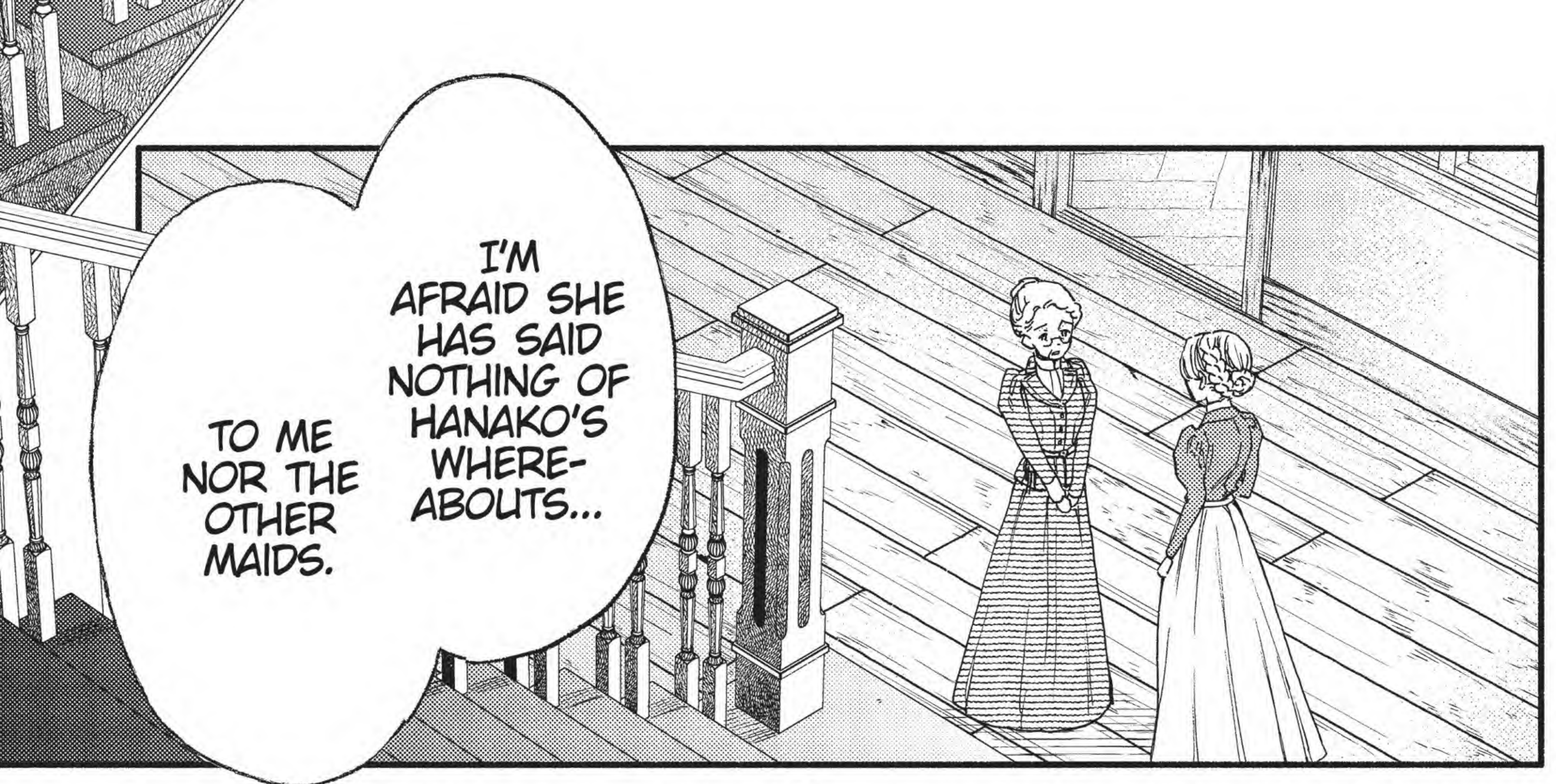
NOT AS
LONG AS
I HAVE
THESE
FEEL-
INGS.



I FEEL
AS
THOUGH I
CANNOT
TAKE
ANOTHER
STEP.

BUT MY
BODY IS
HEAVY,
LIKE A
STONE.

I NEED
TO GET
UP...



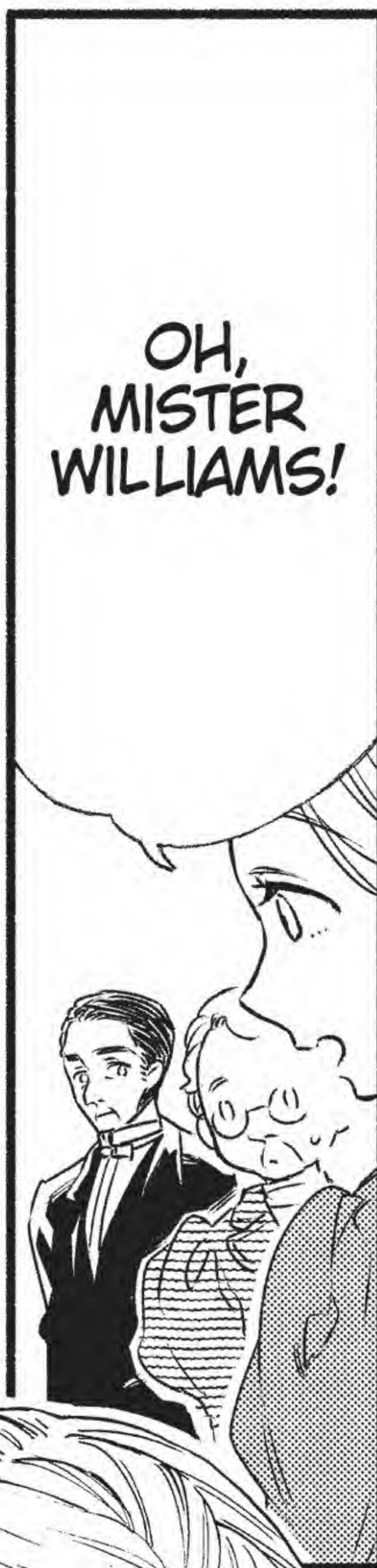
TO ME
NOR THE
OTHER
MAIDS.

I'M
AFRAID SHE
HAS SAID
NOTHING OF
HANAKO'S
WHERE-
ABOUTS...

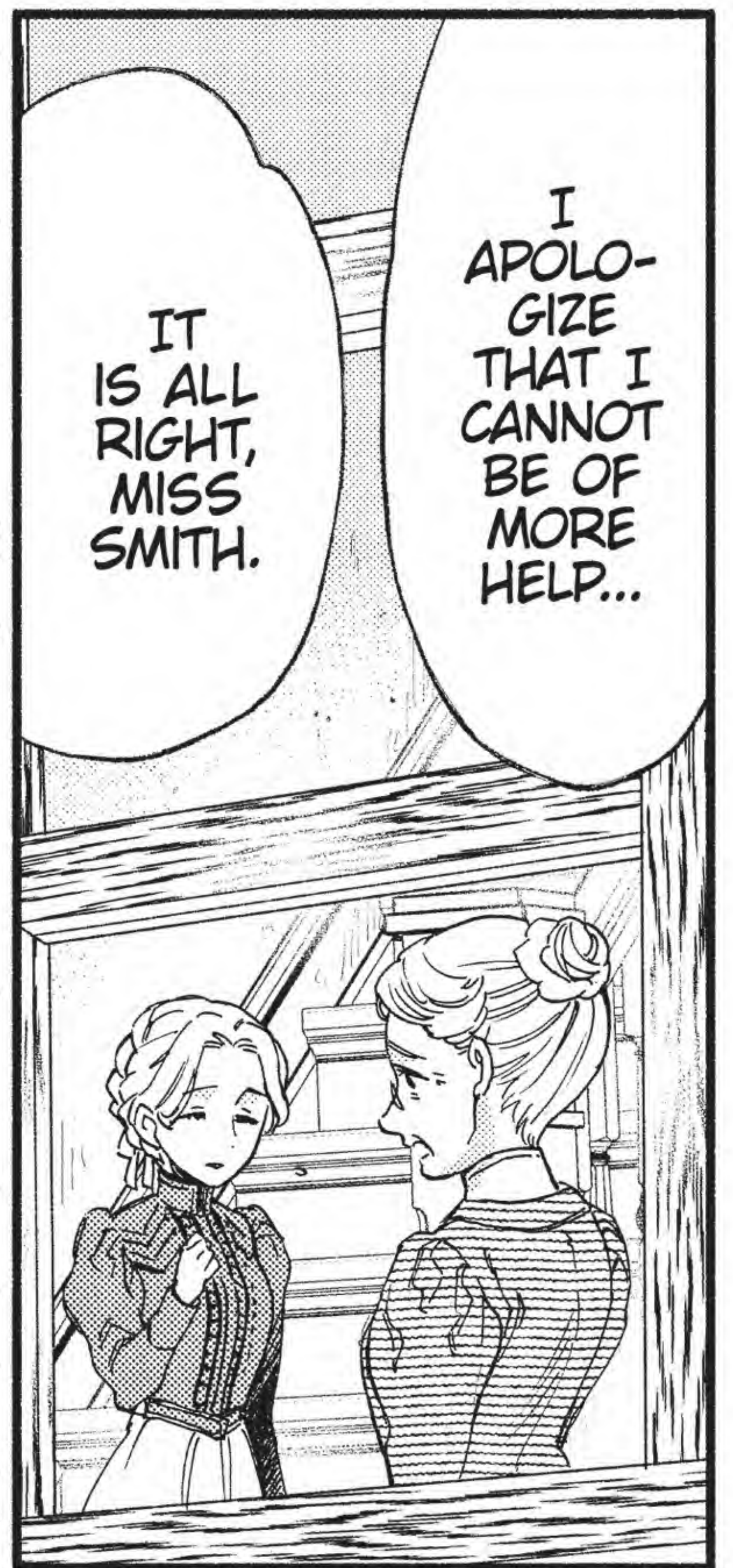


NO,
I HAVE
HEARD
NOTHING
OF THE
SORT.

HAVE YOU
HEARD OF
ANYONE
USING MY
FATHER'S
VACATION
HOME?



OH,
MISTER
WILLIAMS!

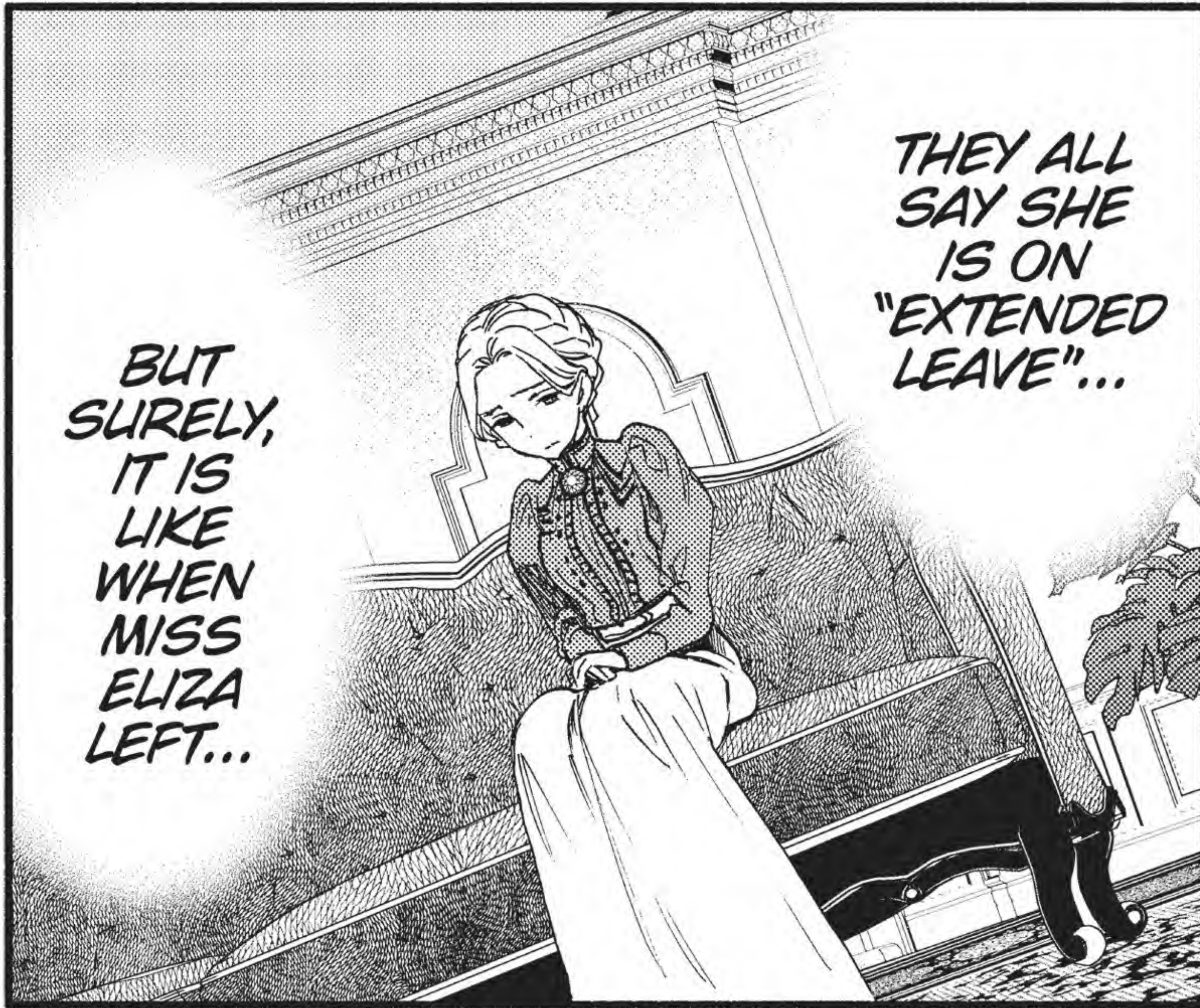


IT
IS ALL
RIGHT,
MISS
SMITH.

I
APOLO-
GIZE
THAT I
CANNOT
BE OF
MORE
HELP...



I
SEE...



BUT
SURELY,
IT IS
LIKE
WHEN
MISS
ELIZA
LEFT...

THEY ALL
SAY SHE
IS ON
"EXTENDED
LEAVE"...

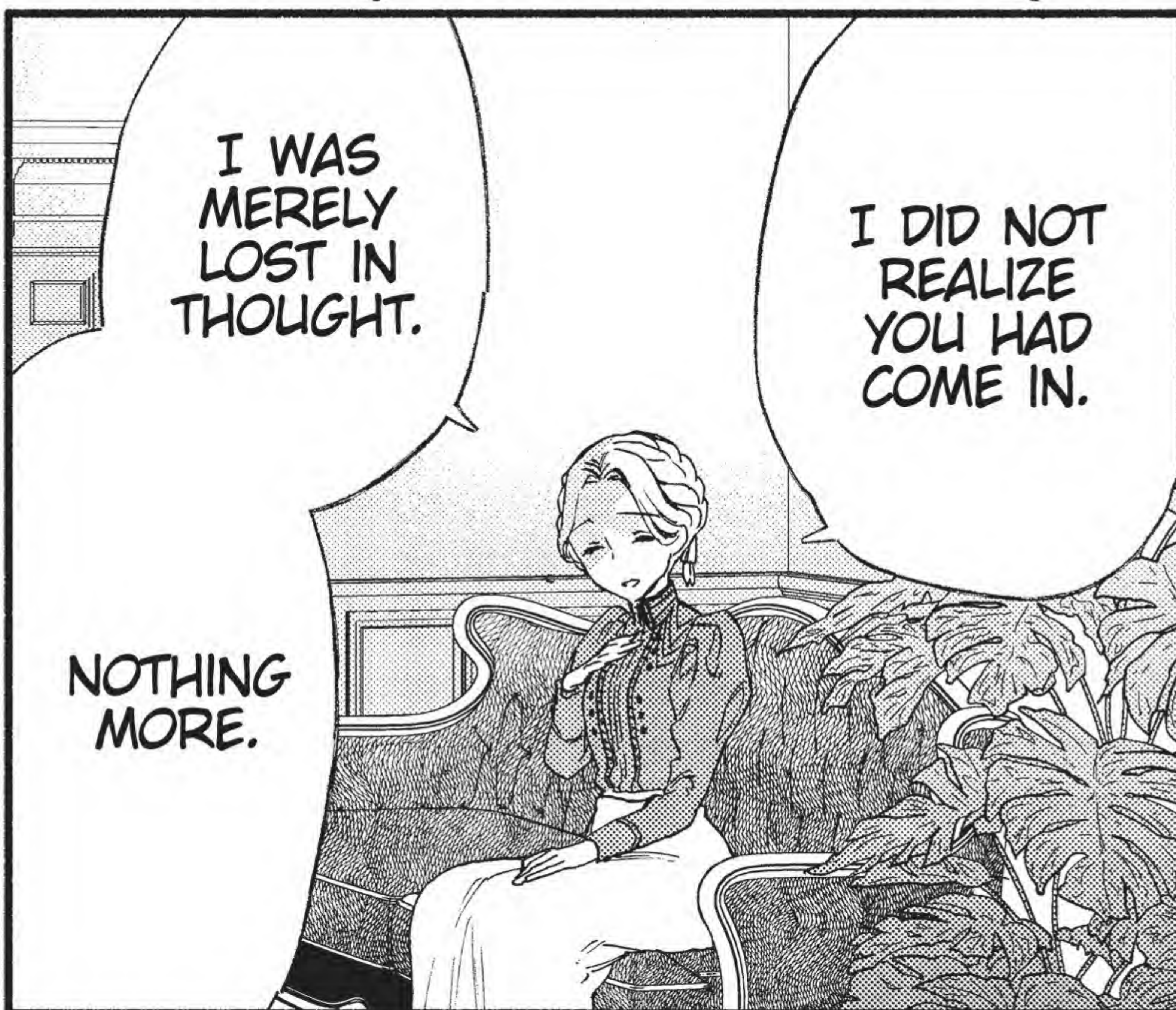


NO ONE
KNOWS
WHERE
HANAKO
HAS
GONE.



I WISHED
FOR HER
TO ALWAYS
BE BY MY
SIDE...

THIS
IS MY
FAULT.



I WAS
MERELY
LOST IN
THOUGHT.

I DID NOT
REALIZE
YOU HAD
COME IN.

NOTHING
MORE.



JANE
...!

ALICE,
ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

YOUR
FACE HAS
GONE
LITTERLY
PALE.

Ah!

POWOP

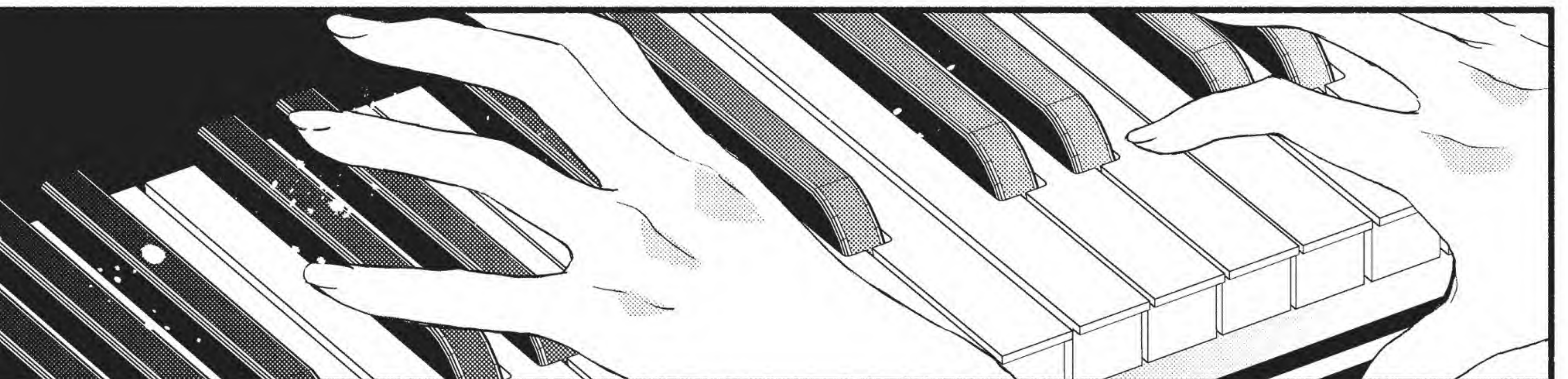


VERY
WELL
THEN.

I SHALL
PLAY
SOMETHING
TO LIFT
YOUR
SPIRITS.

HMM...

SOME-
TIMES
YOU ARE
VERY
POOR AT
TELLING
LIES.



DO
YOU FIND
SOMETHING
INSPIRING
ABOUT
ANTI-COSMIC
DUALISM?

WHAT A
STRANGE
GIRL.

AN
ENTER-
TAINING
CHOICE,
BUT WHY
THIS
PIECE?

GNOS-
SI-
ENNES
...?



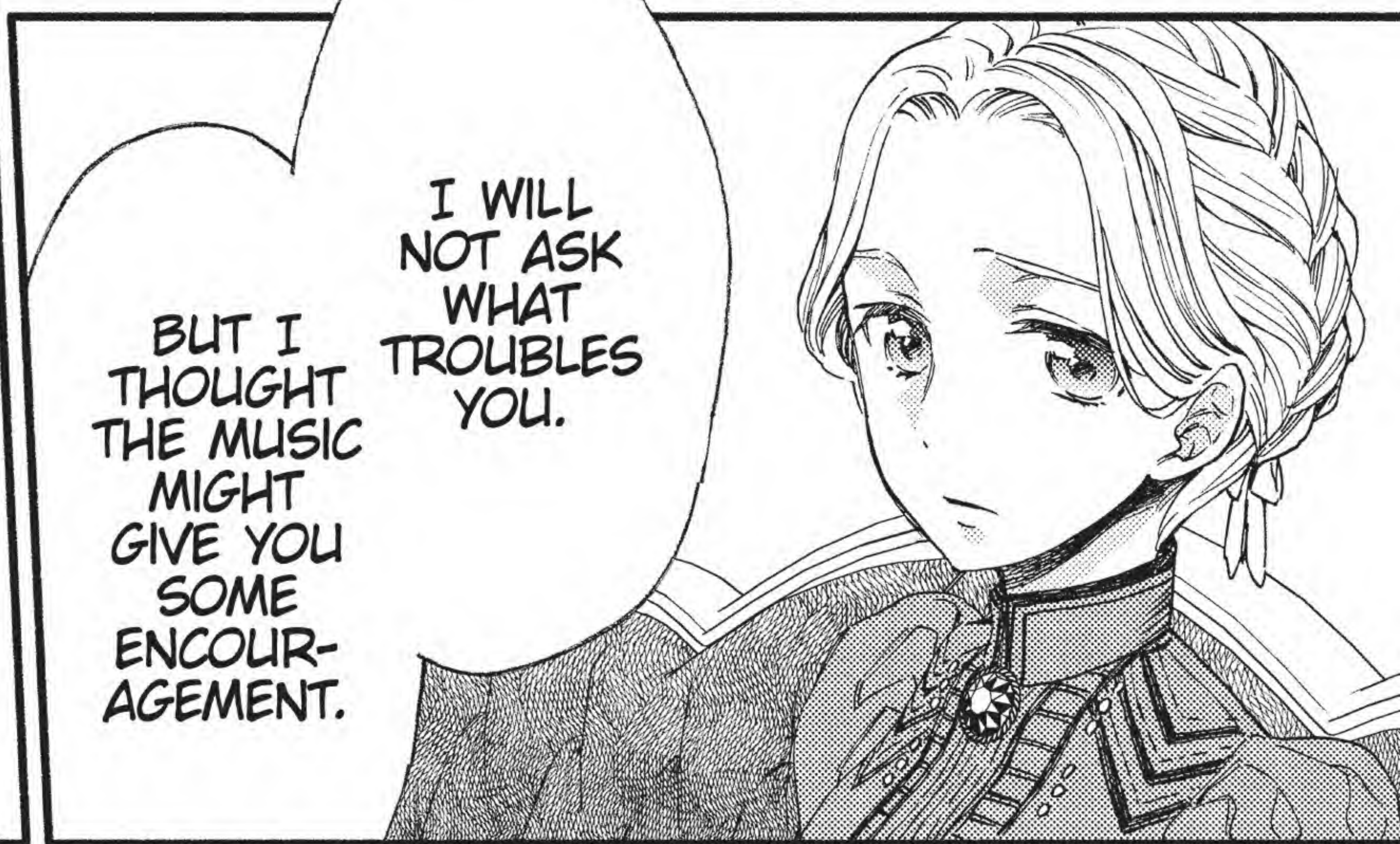


WHEN
I AM
FEELING
BLUE, I LIKE
PIECES THAT
REFLECT
THE DEPTHS
OF MY
SADNESS.



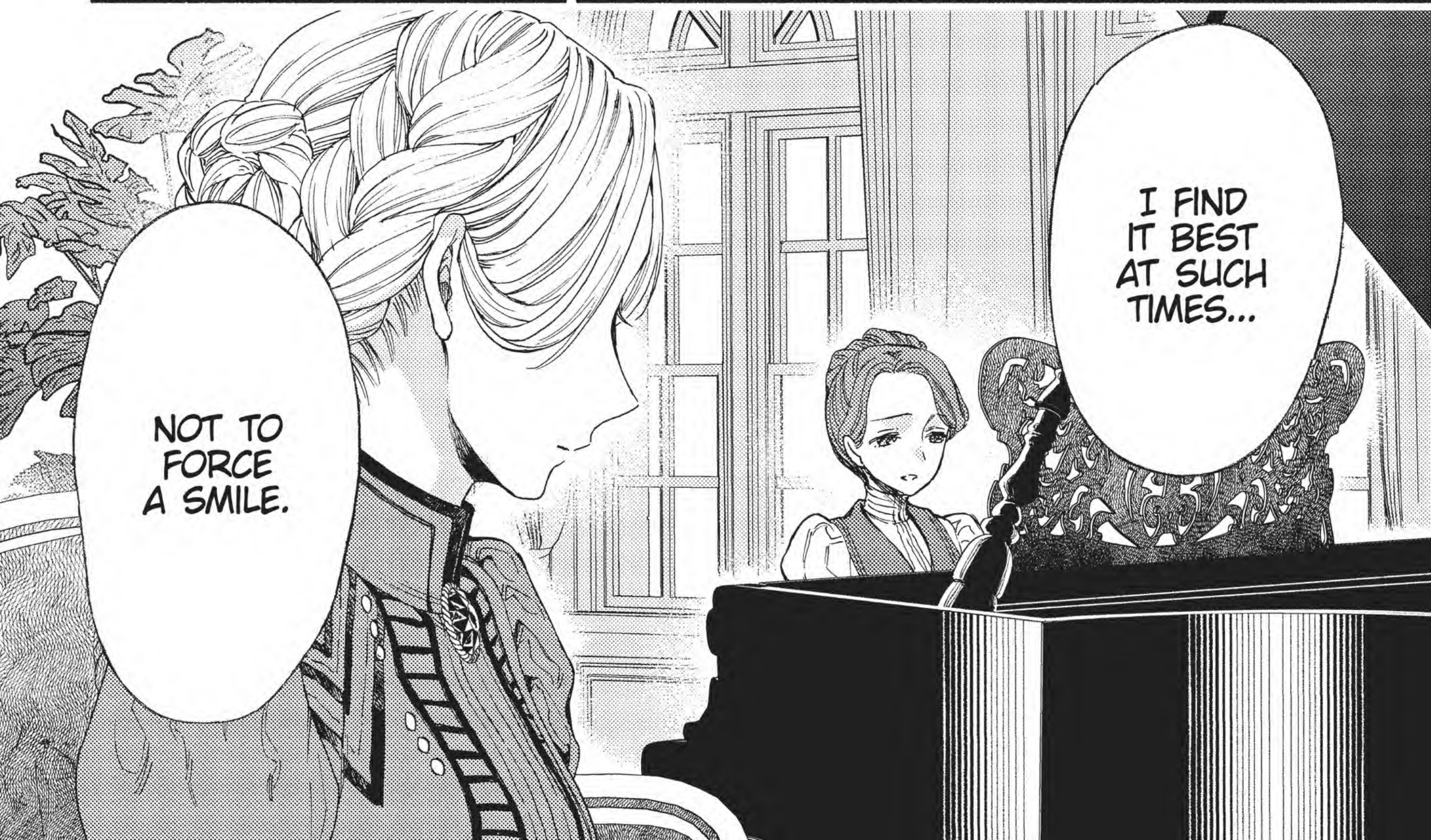
BUT I
SUPPOSE
IT
WORKED.

I KNOW
NOTHING
OF ANTI-
COSMIC-
WHATEVER-
YOU-
SAID...



I WILL
NOT ASK
WHAT
TROUBLES
YOU.

BUT I
THOUGHT
THE MUSIC
MIGHT
GIVE YOU
SOME
ENCOUR-
AGEMENT.

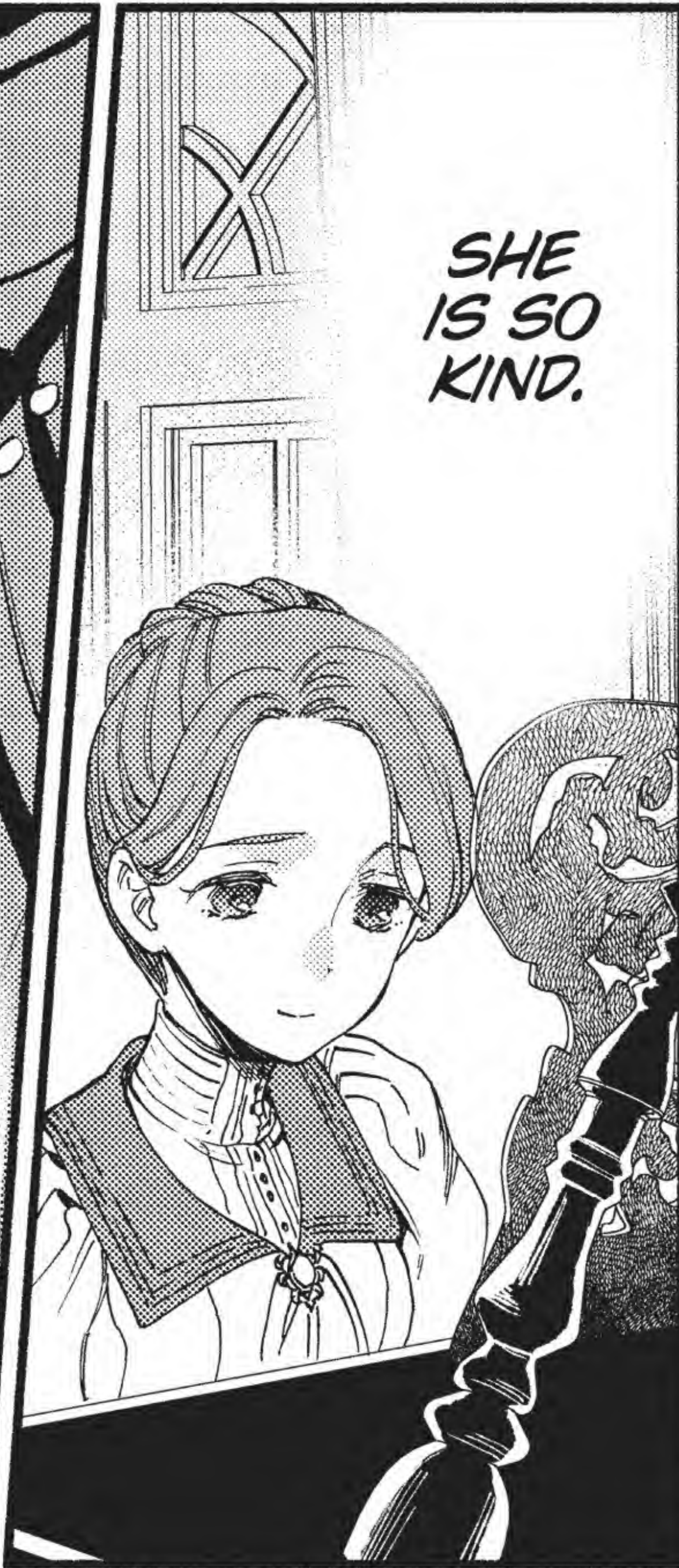


NOT TO
FORCE
A SMILE.

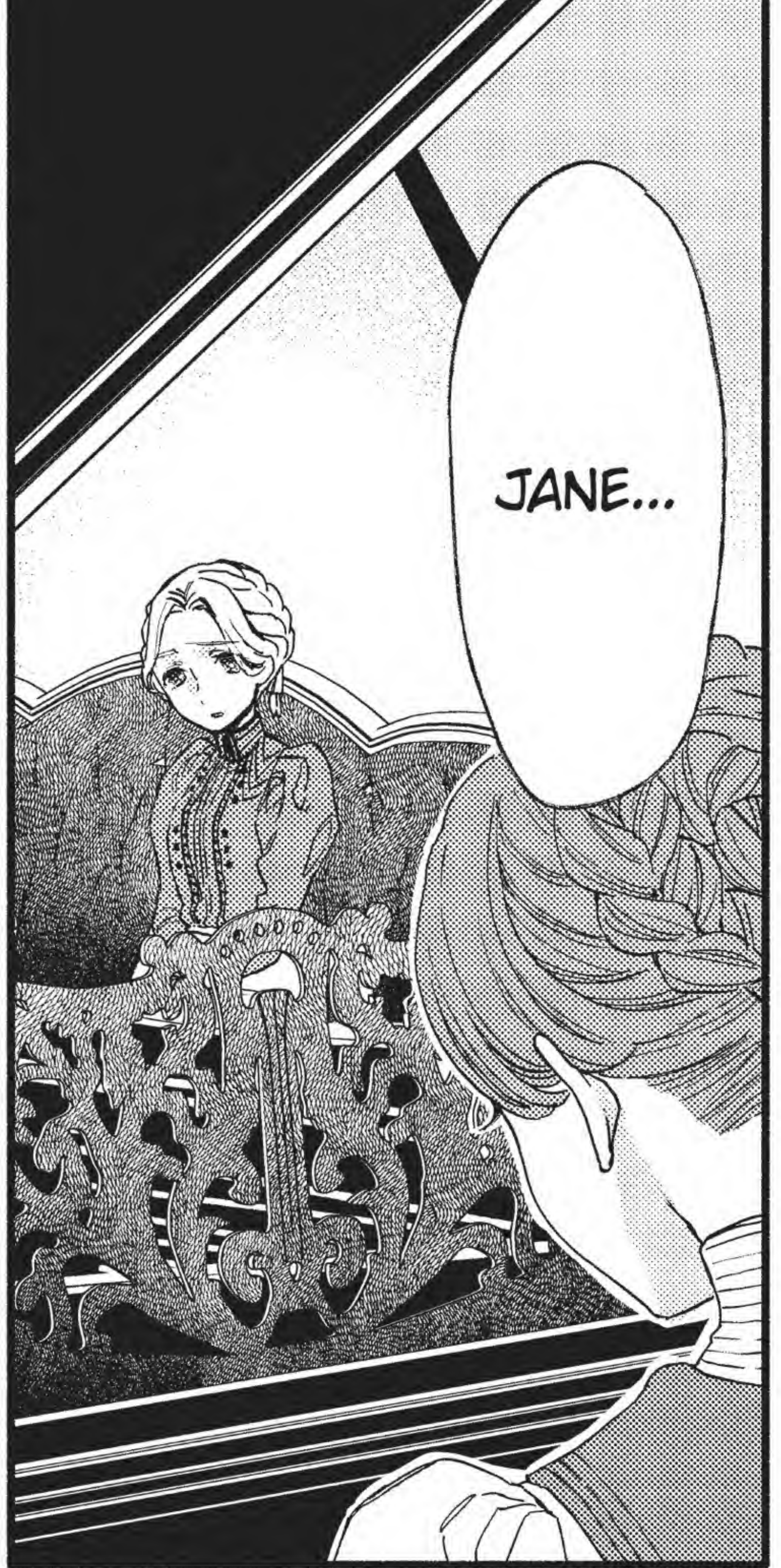
I FIND
IT BEST
AT SUCH
TIMES...



MY
PRECIOUS
FAMILY.



SHE
IS SO
KIND.



JANE...



I
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
MY
MOTHER
...
SEEKS
TO
PROTECT.



WHICH
MAKES IT
ALL THE
MORE
PAINFUL...

PERHAPS
THAT
WAS THE
INTENTION.

I HAVE
NO IDEA
HOW
TO FIND
HANAKO.



NOT TO WORRY.

THIS WOULD BE A LONELY PLACE, IF NOT FOR THE ROSES.

It seems I have interrupted your pruning...

OH! I'M TERRIBLY SORRY... I WAS NOT PAYING ATTENTION.

LADY ALICE...

STILL...

Please, watch your step.

IT SEEMS SUMMER IS OVER. THE BLOOMS ARE GONE.



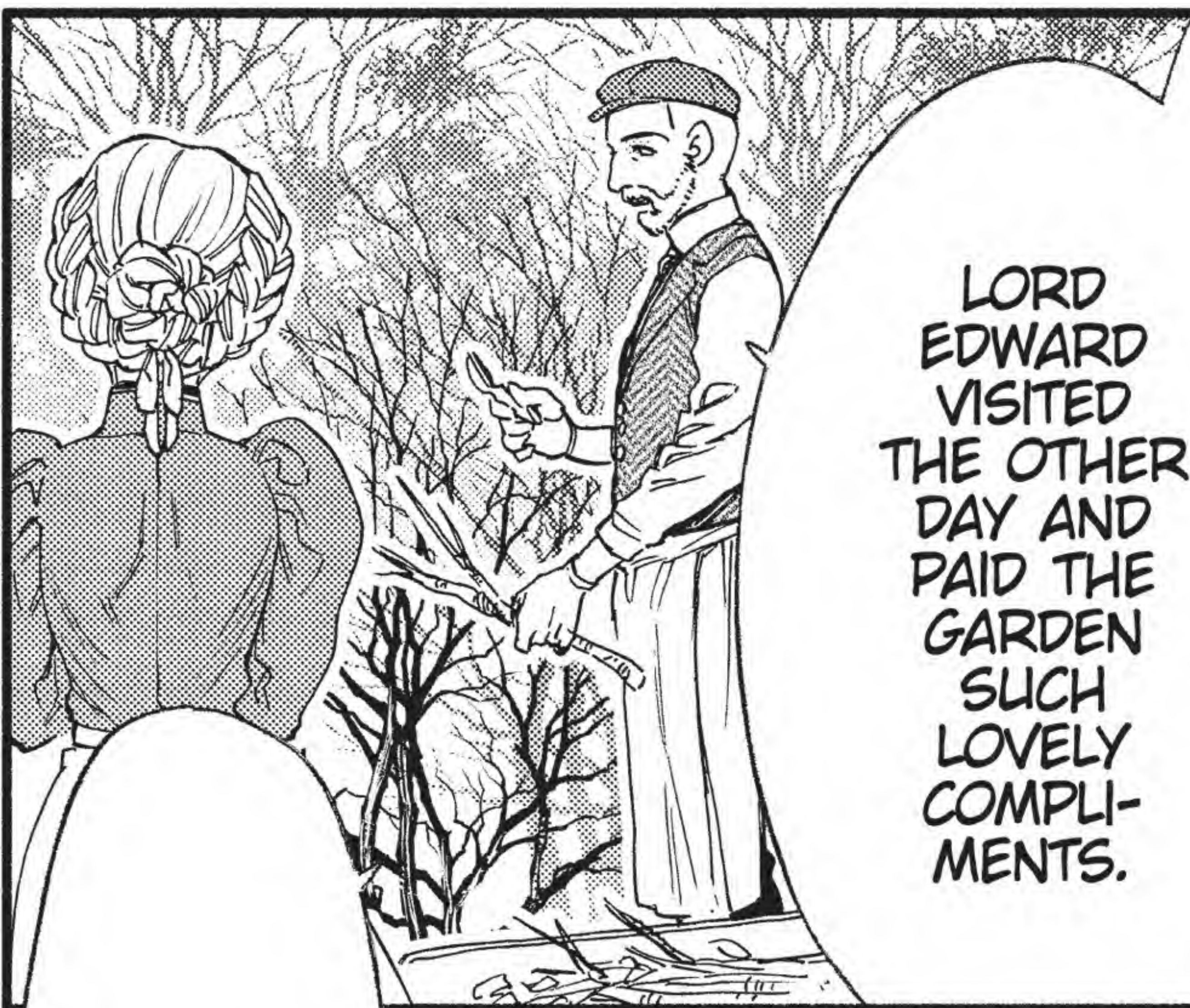
IN-DEED...
THOUGH
IT IS
SAD.



EACH
THING THAT
HAS A
BEGINNING
MUST ALSO
HAVE AN
END.



BUT
EDWARD HAS
NOT BEEN
HERE SINCE
THE GARDEN
WAS IN FULL
BLOOM.

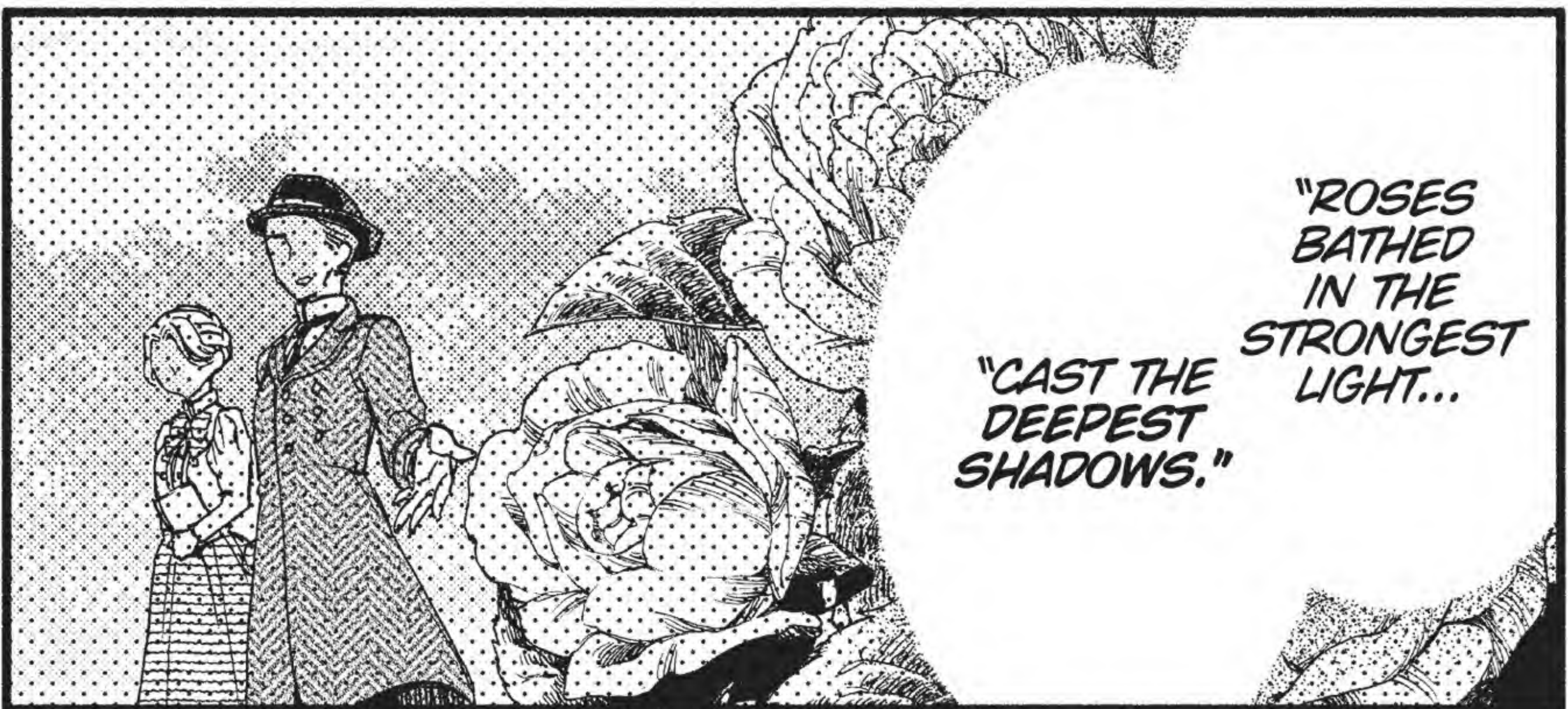


LORD
EDWARD
VISITED
THE OTHER
DAY AND
PAID THE
GARDEN
SUCH
LOVELY
COMPLI-
MENTS.

BUT THE
LOVE YOU
SHOWER
ON THESE
ROSES IS A
BLESSING
TO US
GARDEN-
ERS.



EDWARD
...?

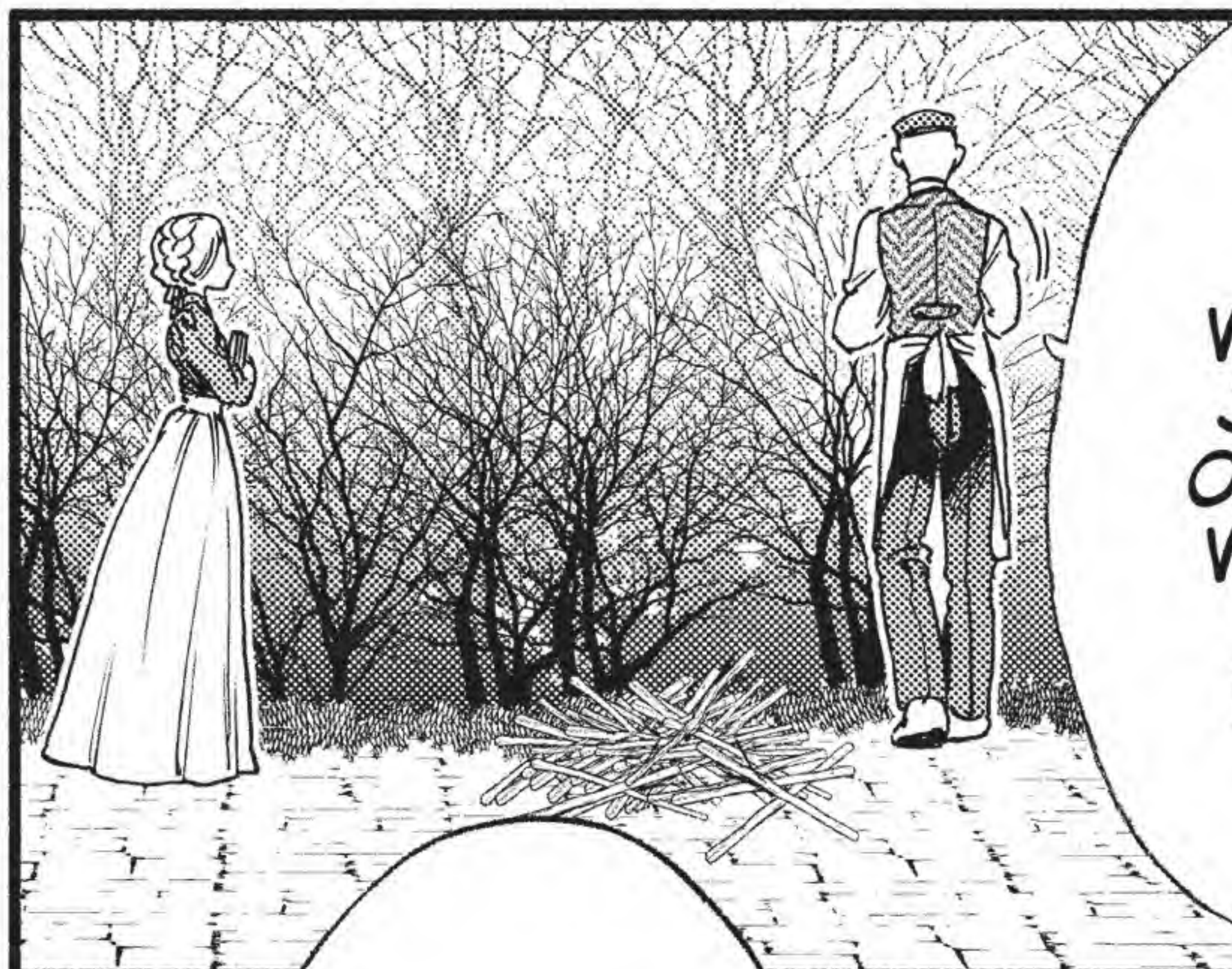


"ROSES
BATHED
IN THE
STRONGEST
LIGHT...
"CAST THE
DEEPEST
SHADOWS."



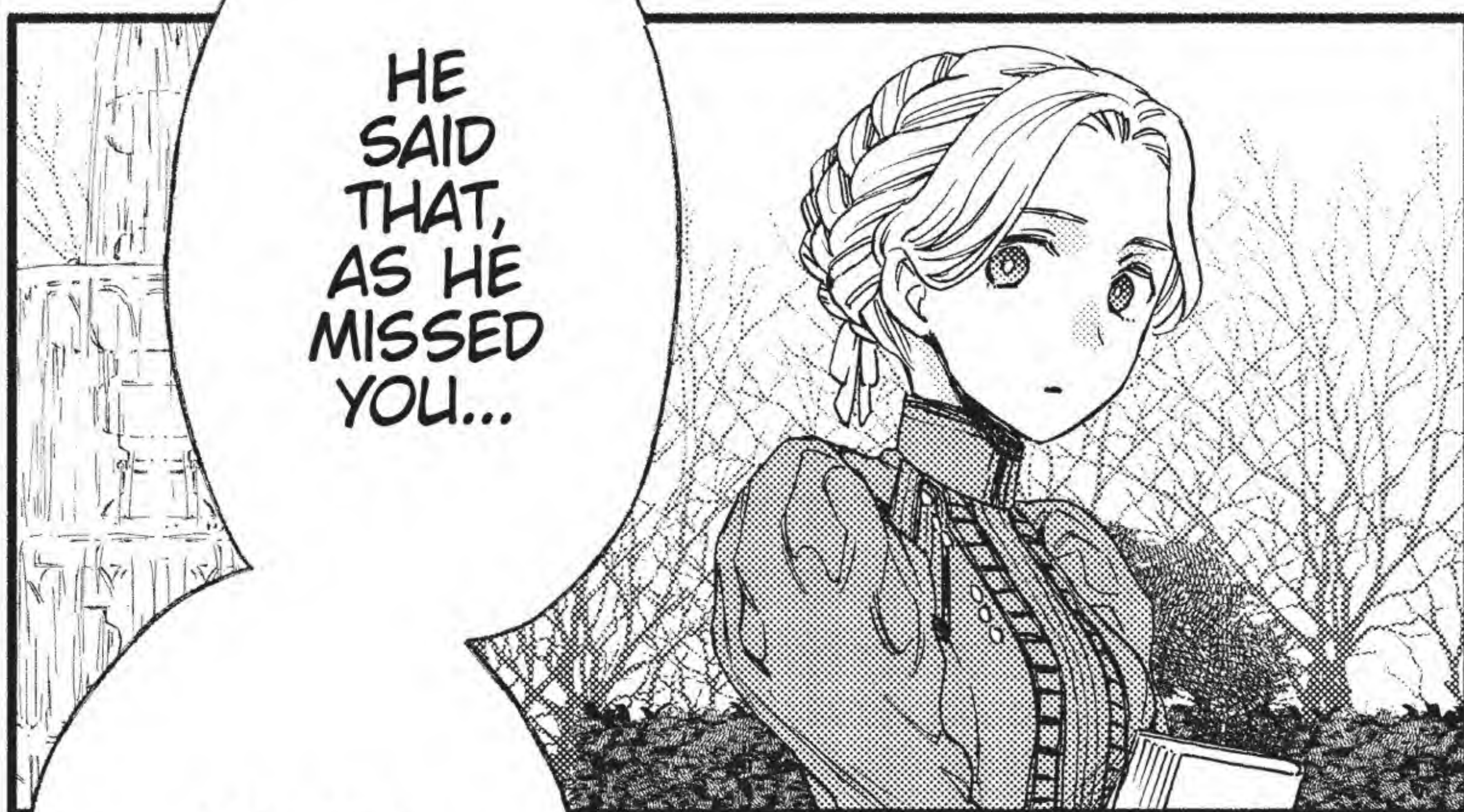
BUT
MOTHER
SAID
NOTHING
ABOUT
IT...

EDWARD
WAS
HERE?



HE
WAS HERE
JUST THE
OTHER DAY,
WHEN YOU
WERE IN
LONDON.

ACTU-
ALLY,
MA'AM
...



HE
SAID
THAT,
AS HE
MISSED
YOU...

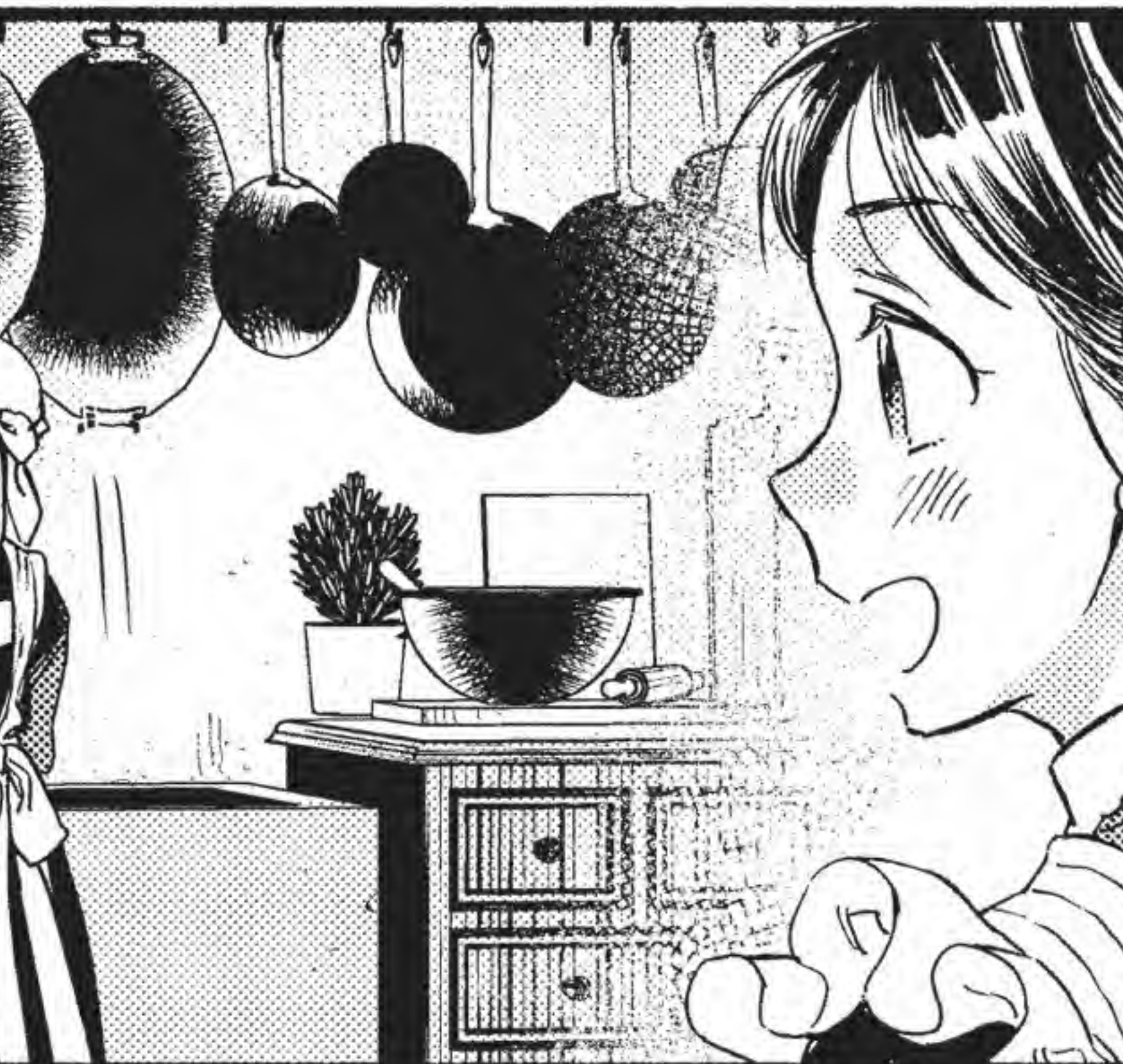
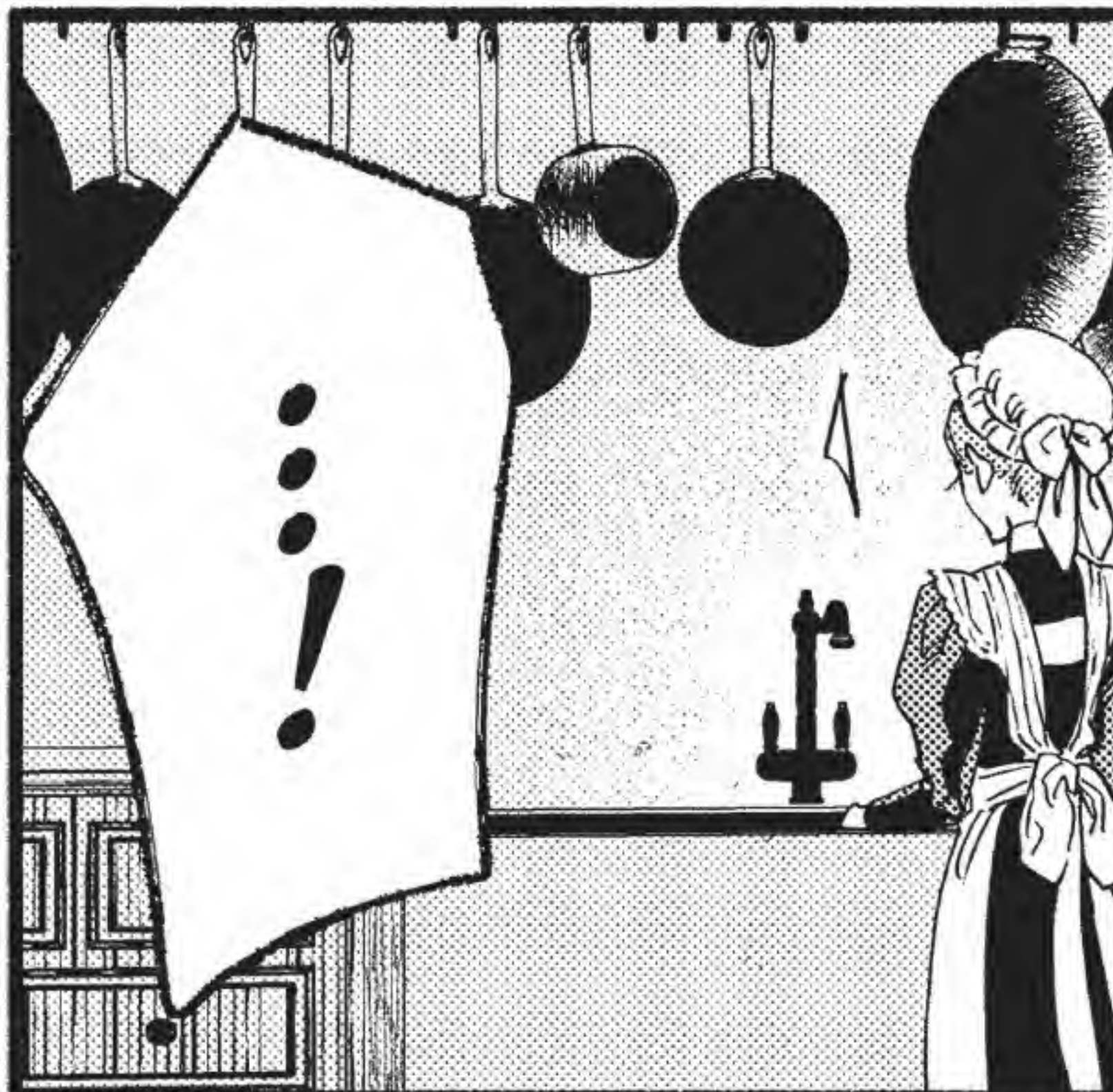
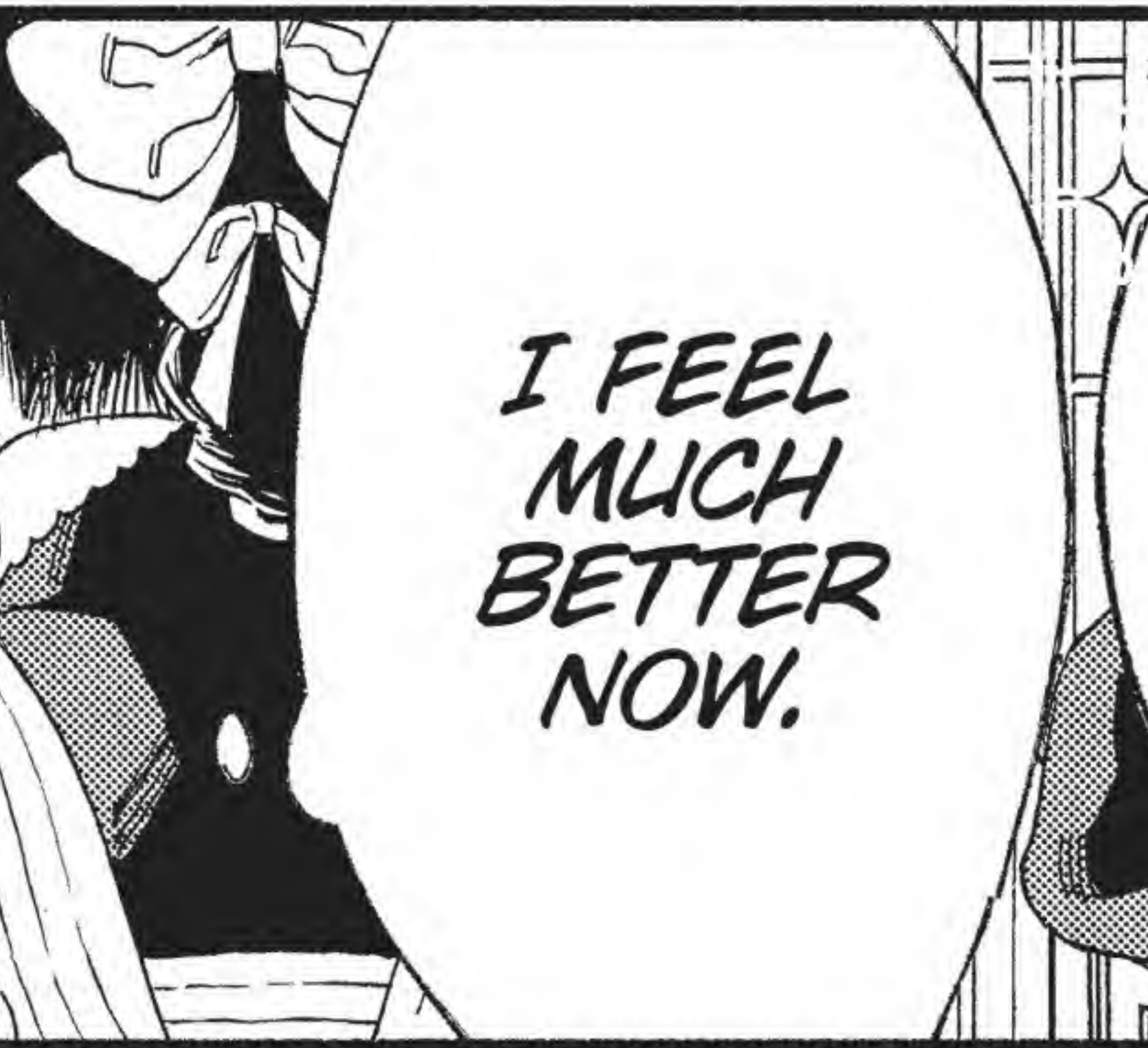


HE AT
LEAST
WANTED
TO SEE
THE
ROSES.



!!!







MISS
KUJOU!

SEE?!

PERHAPS
WE
SERVANTS
COULD BE
GOOD
FRIENDS!

BEING AN
HONORED
GUEST
IS TOO
STUFFY
FOR
ME.

PLEASE
THINK
OF ME
AS A
FELLOW
MAID.



BUT
ALLOW
ME TO
GIVE YOU
A WORD
OF ADVICE,
AS A
"FELLOW
MAID."

FORGIVE
MY
RUDE-
NESS...



PLEASE
STOP WITH
THAT
AND JUST
CALL ME
HANAK--

MISS
KU-
JOU!





AS AN
"HONORED
GUEST,"
YOU HAVE
BECOME A
MASTER
YOURSELF.

YOU
WERE
INVITED
HERE
BY MY
MASTER.

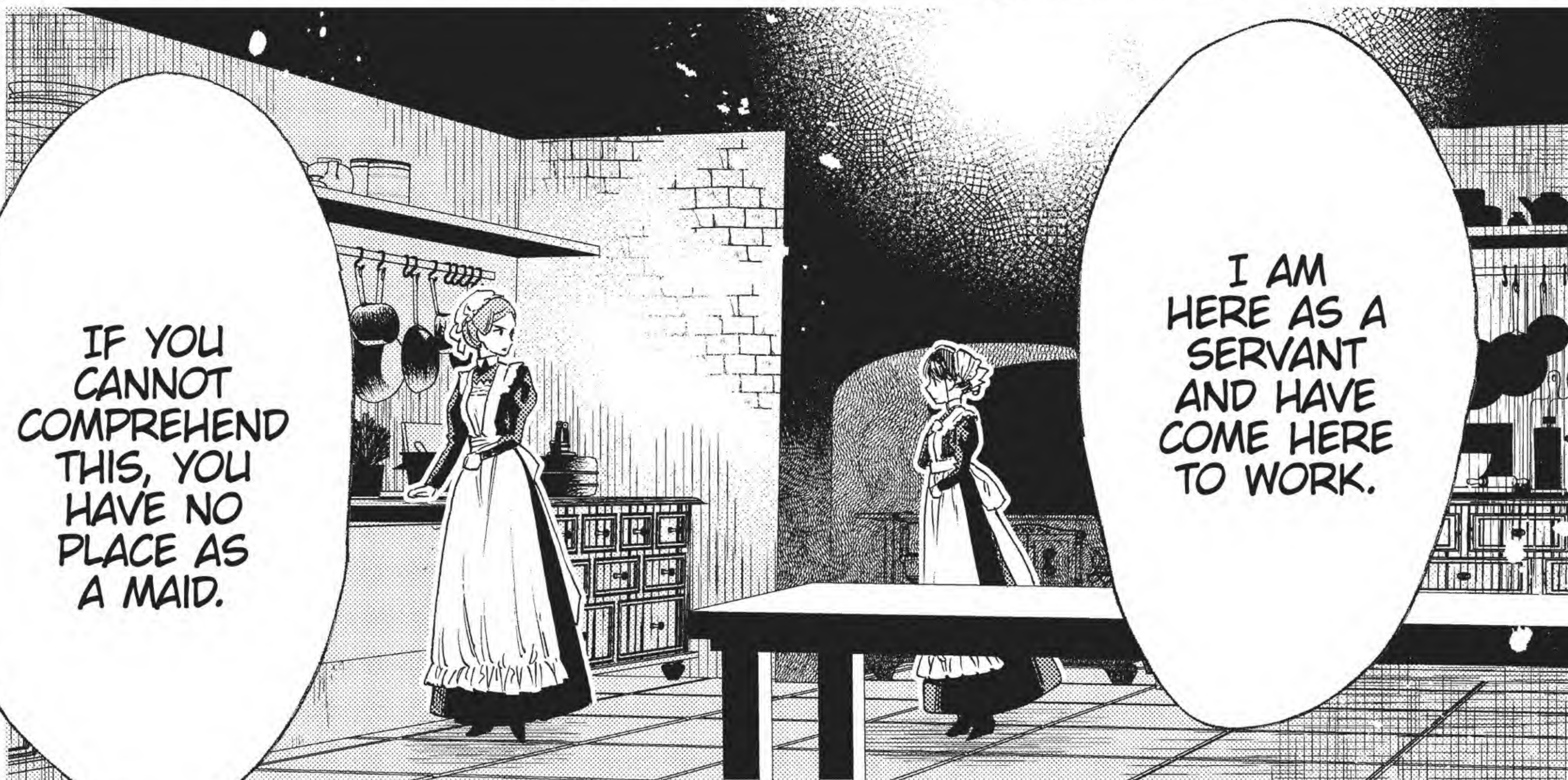
THAT
IS THE
PROPER
MANNER
FOR A
SERVANT.

WE
ARE LIKE
FAIRIES,
MOVING
ABOUT
AND
ACCOM-
PLISHING
OUR
TASKS IN
SILENCE.

SERVANTS
AND THEIR
MASTERS
DO NOT
INHABIT
THE SAME
WORLD.



IF YOU
CANNOT
COMPREHEND
THIS, YOU
HAVE NO
PLACE AS
A MAID.



I AM
HERE AS A
SERVANT
AND HAVE
COME HERE
TO WORK.



I...

I...

I'M SO
SORRY...



THERE
IS NO
NEED
TO
APOLO-
GIZE...



HAVE A
PLEASANT
EVENING.



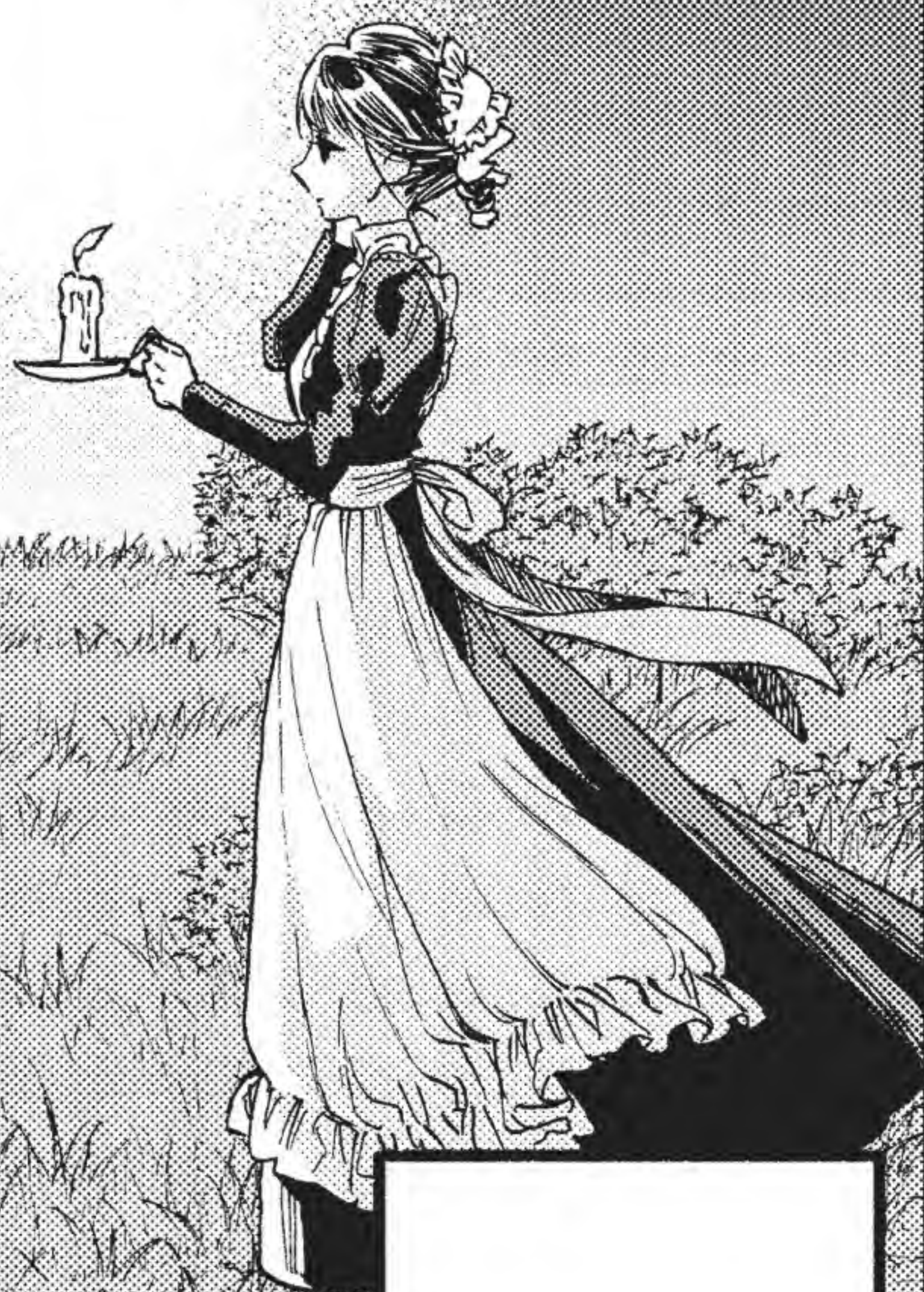
A
FRIENDSHIP
FORGED
BETWEEN
MASTER
AND
SERVANT...

CANNOT
EXIST.

"A
FRIENDSHIP
FORGED
BETWEEN
MASTER
AND
SERVANT
CANNOT
EXIST."



MISS
SUSANNE
IS
PROBABLY
RIGHT.

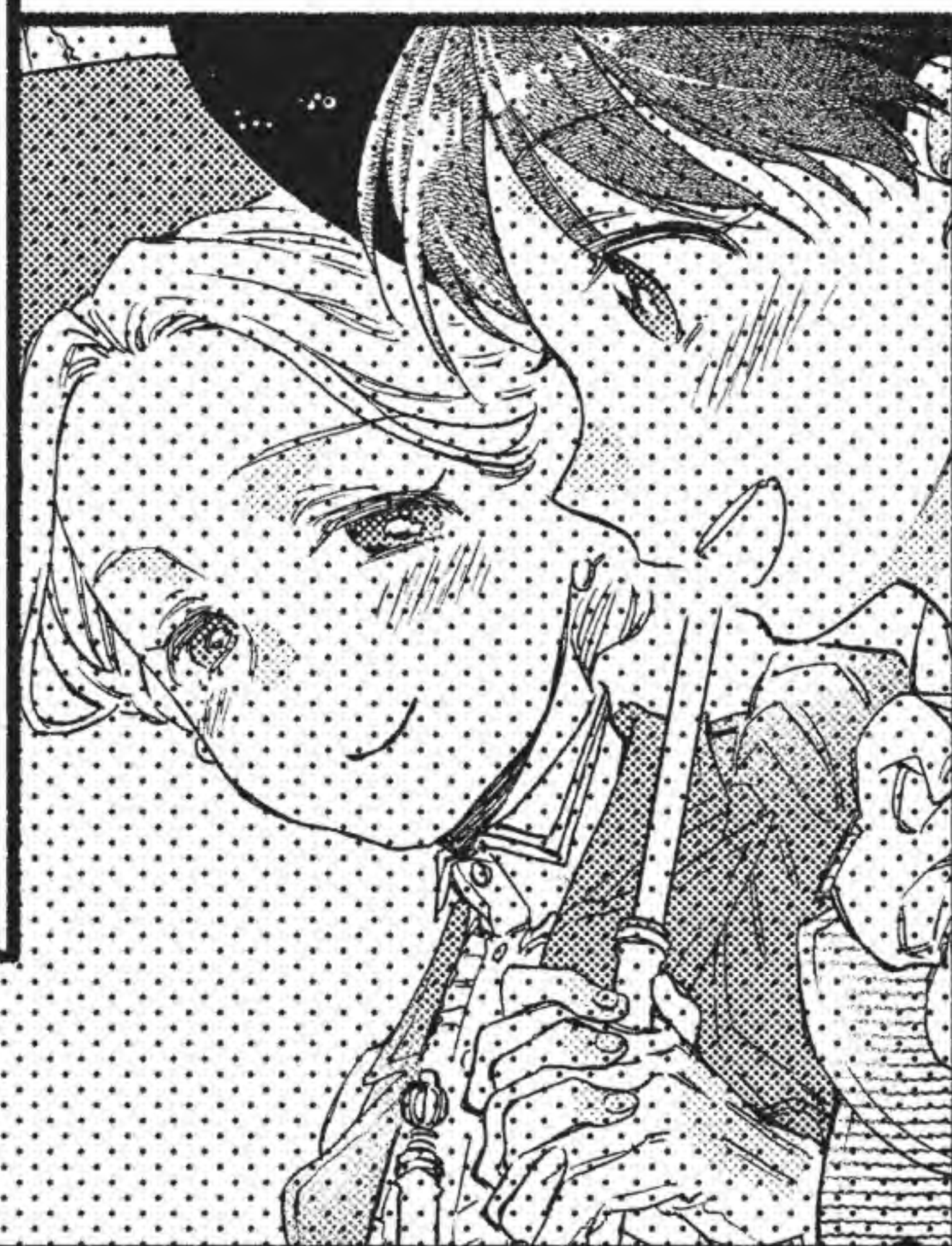


LADY
ALICE
DID NOT
JUST SEE
ME AS A
SERVANT
...
BUT
AS A
PERSON,
AN
INDIVIDUAL.



PERHAPS
THE
WARMTH
AND
FRIEND-
SHIP I
SENSED...

FROM
LADY ALICE
WAS A
MISUNDER-
STANDING.



BUT
STILL...





AND
BECAUSE
SHE IS
THAT
SORT OF
PERSON...



"I
MERELY
WISH TO
BELIEVE
THAT
LOVE IS
FREE."



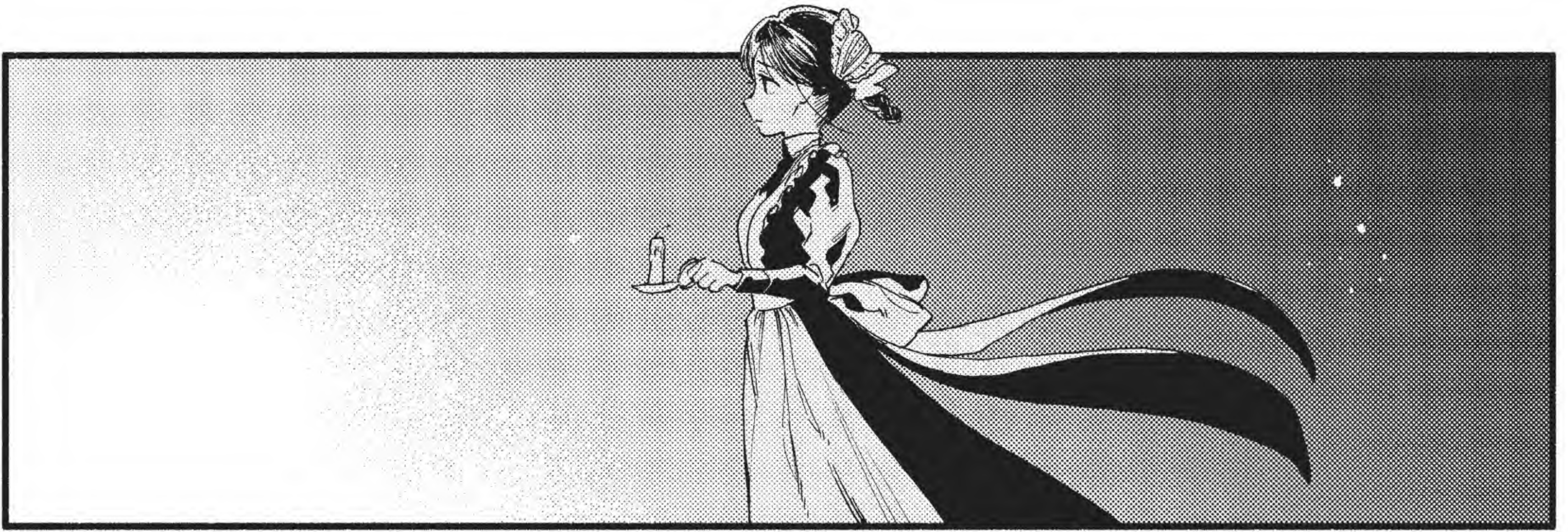
SHE SEES
EVERYONE
THAT WAY.

AND IT
ISN'T
ONLY
ME...



IF SHE
WISHES
ME TO
LEAVE...

I
CANNOT
GO
AGAINST
HER
WISHES.



PER-
HAPS...

IT'S TIME
FOR ME TO
RETURN
TO JAPAN.





I SHALL
BE
LEAVING
FOR
LONDON
TOMOR-
ROW.

OH,
AMELIA?



IS THERE
ANYTHING
IN PARTI-
CULAR YOU
REQUIRE?

THEN I
SHALL
PREPARE
YOUR
LUGGAGE.

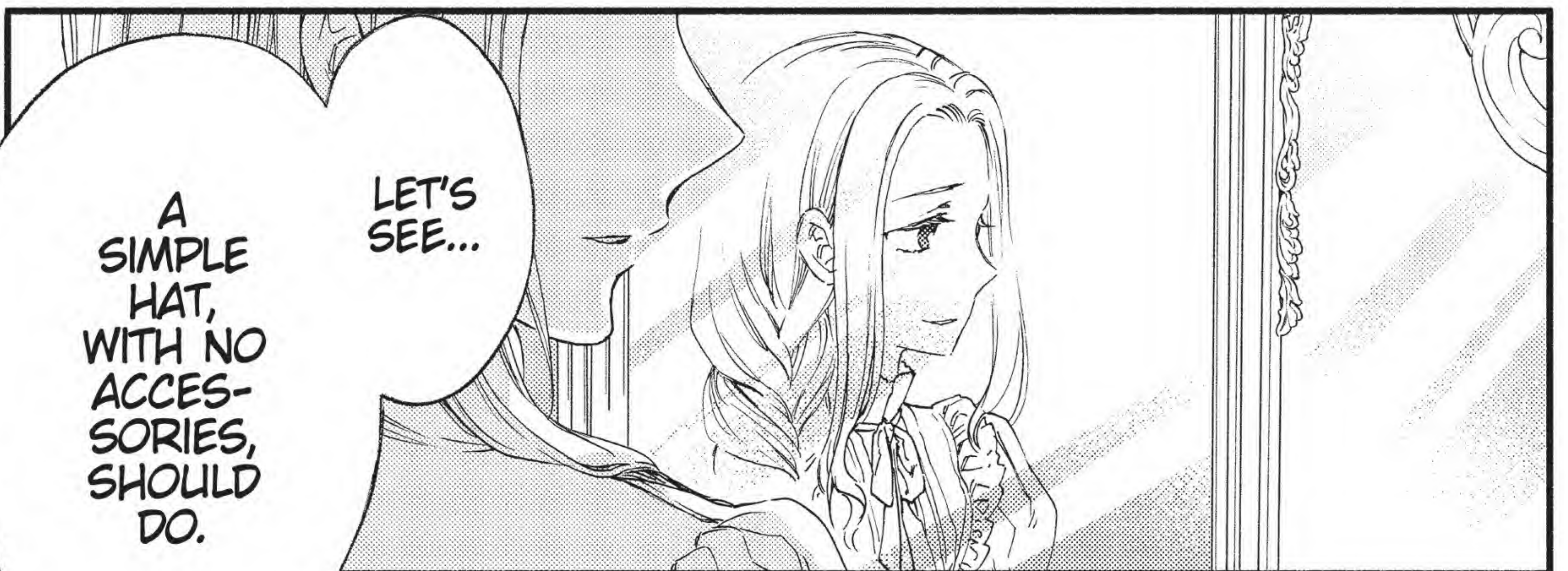


YES...

BUT I DID
NOT FINISH
EVERYTHING
I NEEDED
TO DO.

What?!

MY LADY,
YOU ONLY
JUST GOT
BACK.



A
SIMPLE
HAT,
WITH NO
ACCES-
SORIES,
SHOULD
DO.

LET'S
SEE...



ARE YOU
SURE?
YOU'RE
GOING TO
LONDON,
AFTER
ALL.

YES.

I FEEL
IT WILL
BE...
A BIT
WINDY.



AH--
PLATFORM
THREE,
MA'AM.

I AM
GOING
TO
HAST-
INGS.

WHICH
PLAT-
FORM
IS
THAT?

I AM NOT
SURE
WHETHER IT
WAS RIGHT
FOR ME TO
LIE TO
EVERYONE.

A
PLEASANT
DAY TO
YOU AS
WELL.

YES,
THANK
YOU!

PLEAS-
ANT
JOUR-
NEY!

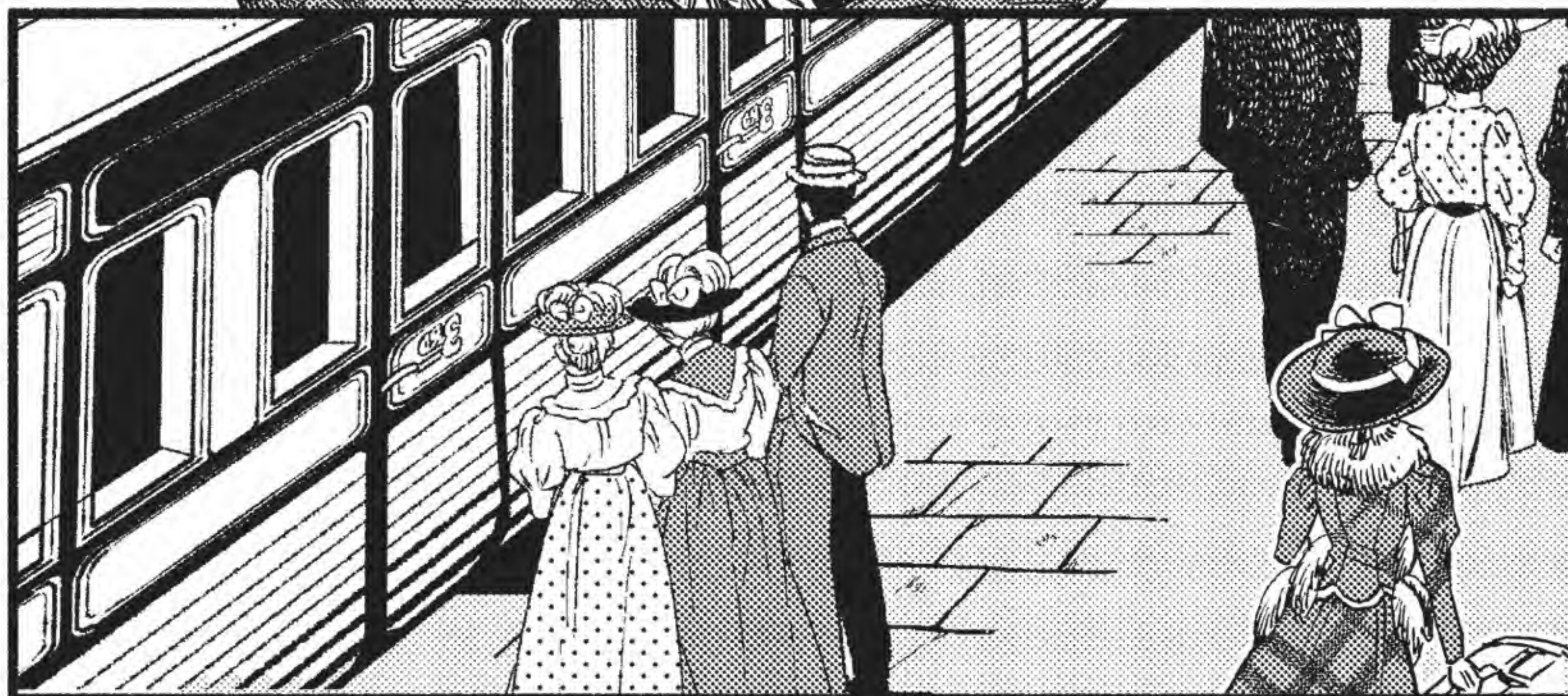


SHOULD I
HAVE LEFT
BEFORE I
EVEN GAVE
MOTHER
AND THE
OTHERS...

A
CHANCE
TO
EXPLAIN
THEM-
SELVES?



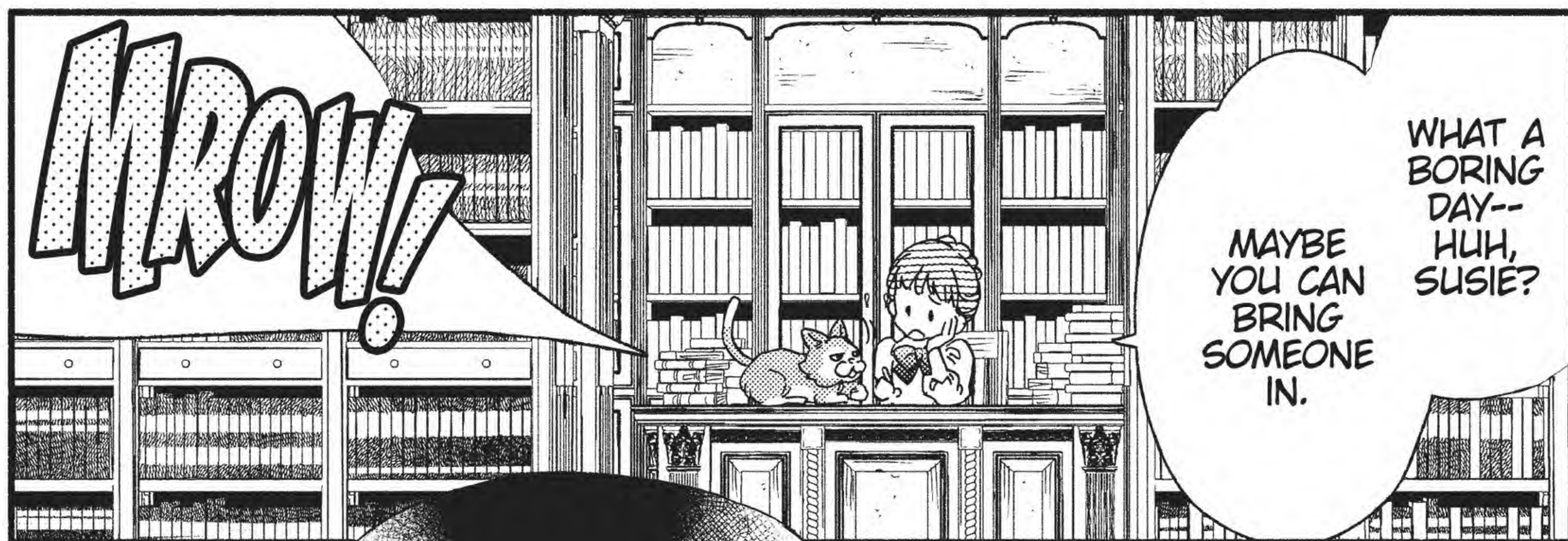
IF THEY HAD
STOPPED ME,
I WOULD
HAVE
REGRETTED
IT.

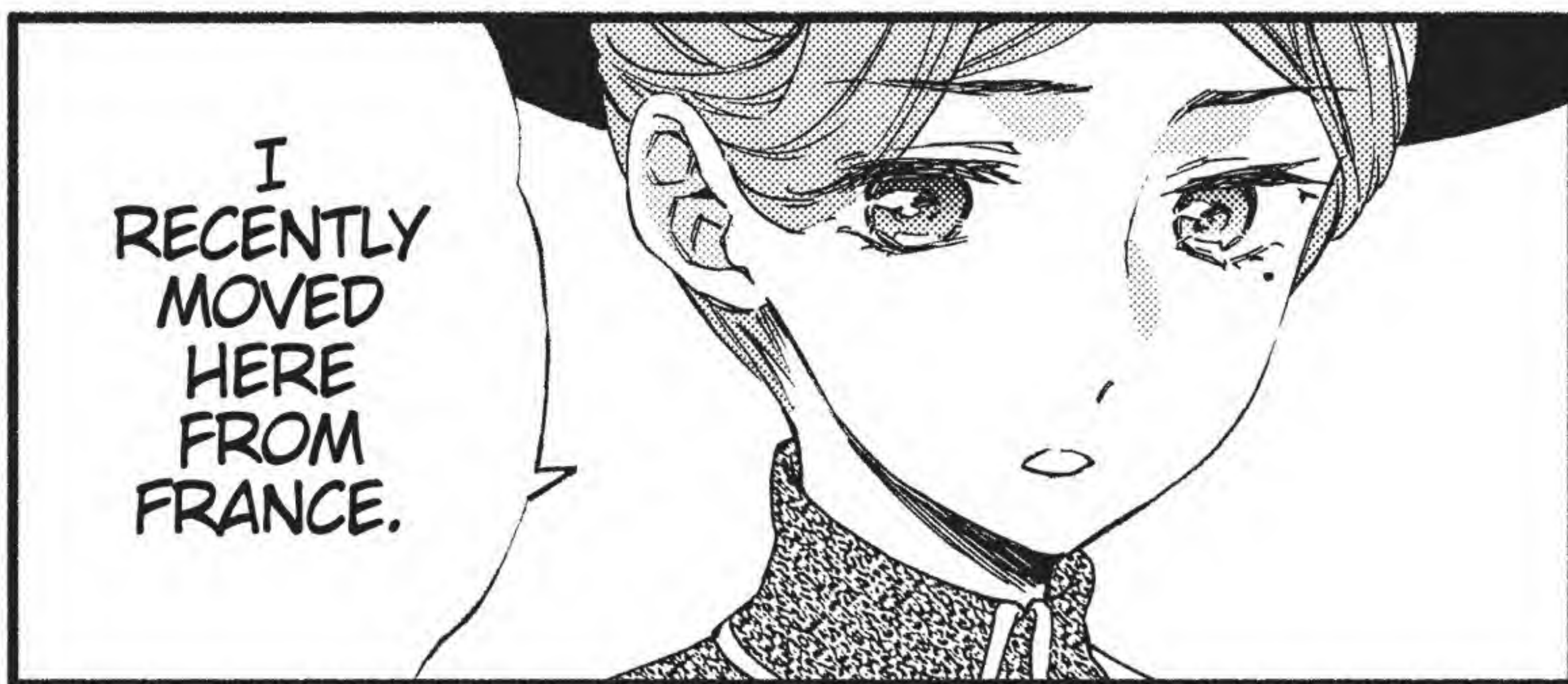


I CANNOT
ALLOW HER
TO BE
BANISHED
BECAUSE
OF ME.



WAIT
FOR ME,
HANAKO.

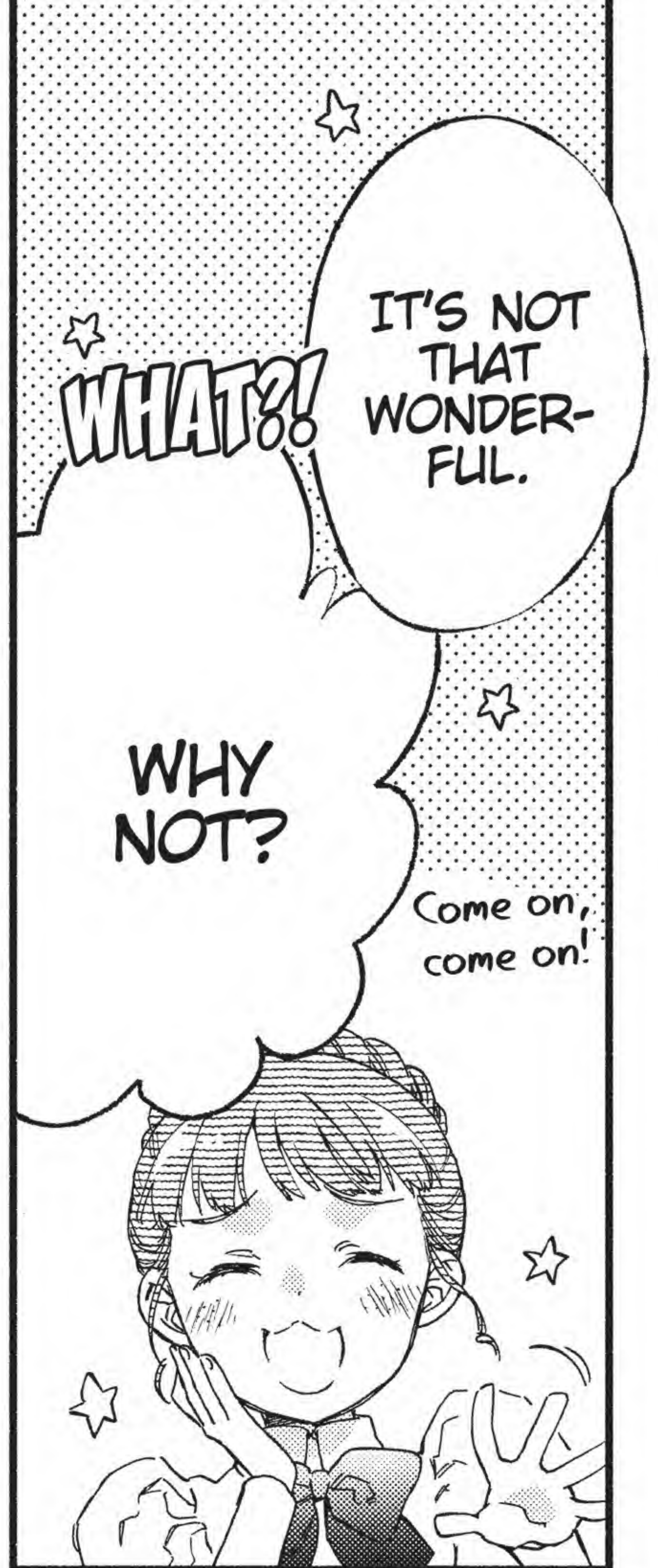






AFTER THAT,
THERE WAS
NOTHING
LEFT IN MY
HOMETOWN
FOR ME.

I WAS
BETRAYED
BY THE
ONE I
LOVED.



WHAT?!

IT'S NOT
THAT
WONDER-
FUL.

WHY
NOT?

Come on,
come on!



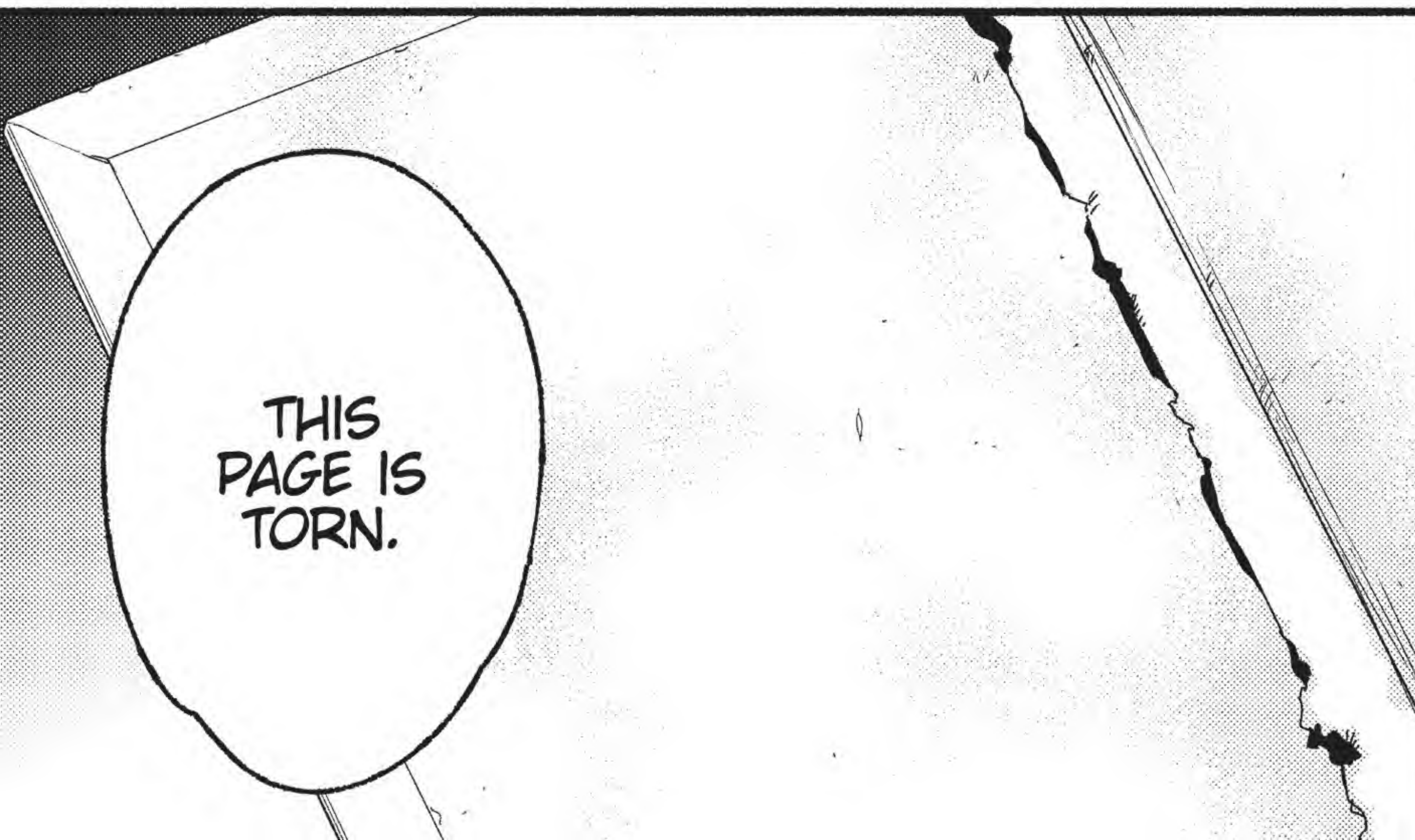
WILL YOU
PURCHASE
MY BOOK?

Any-
way...

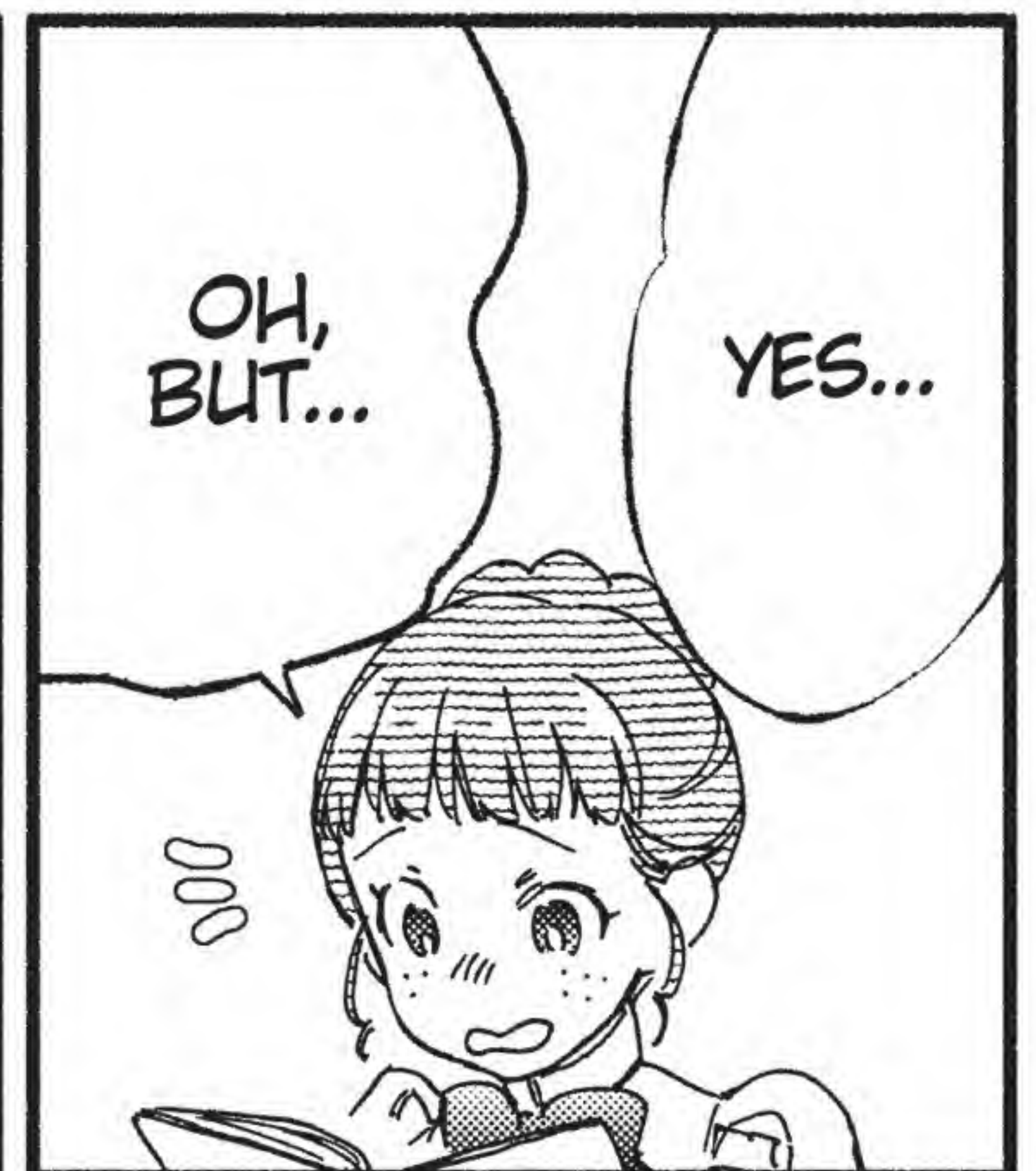
OH DEAR...

O...

OH...



THIS
PAGE IS
TORN.



OH,
BUT...

YES...



WILL
YOU
REALLY?

WAS
THE
NOTE...

FROM THE
ONE WHO
BETRAYED
YOU?



SO I
TORE
IT OUT
AND
BURNED
IT.

IT
BORE A
MESSAGE
OF A
PERSONAL
NATURE.



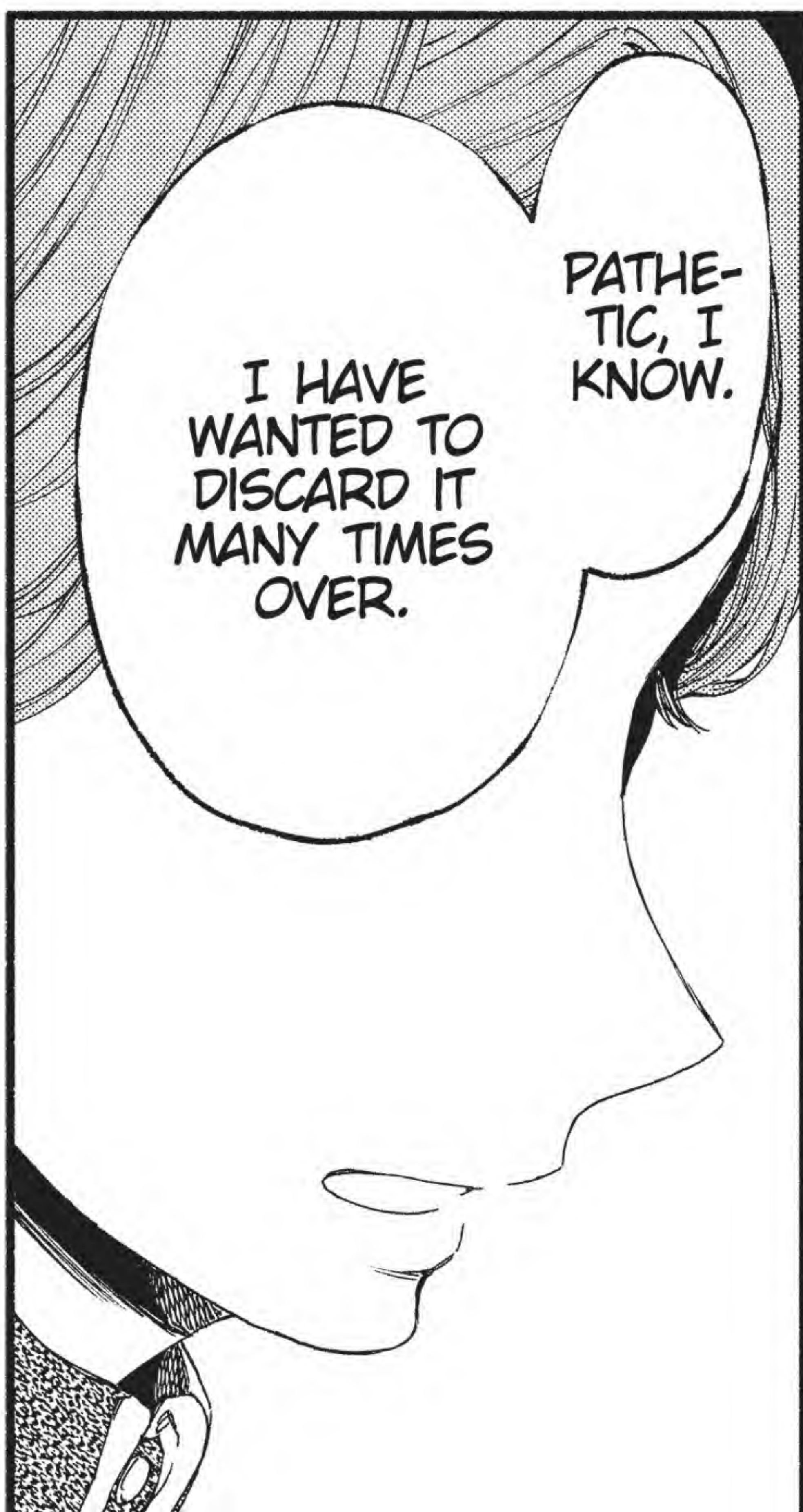
NO,
WE'LL
BUY
IT!

AH!

I'll just
discard
the
book.

PER-
HAPS I
SHOULD
NOT
HAVE.

PURRRR



I HAVE
WANTED TO
DISCARD IT
MANY TIMES
OVER.

PATHE-
TIC, I
KNOW.



HONESTLY,
I SHOULD
HAVE CAST
IT ASIDE
BACK
HOME.

I HAD
ENOUGH
RESOLVE TO
LEAVE AND
CROSS
AN OCEAN,
AND YET I
BROUGHT
IT WITH
ME.



SIGH...

YOU
ARE VERY
PERCEPTIVE.



IT... ISN'T WORTH THAT MUCH.

I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY.

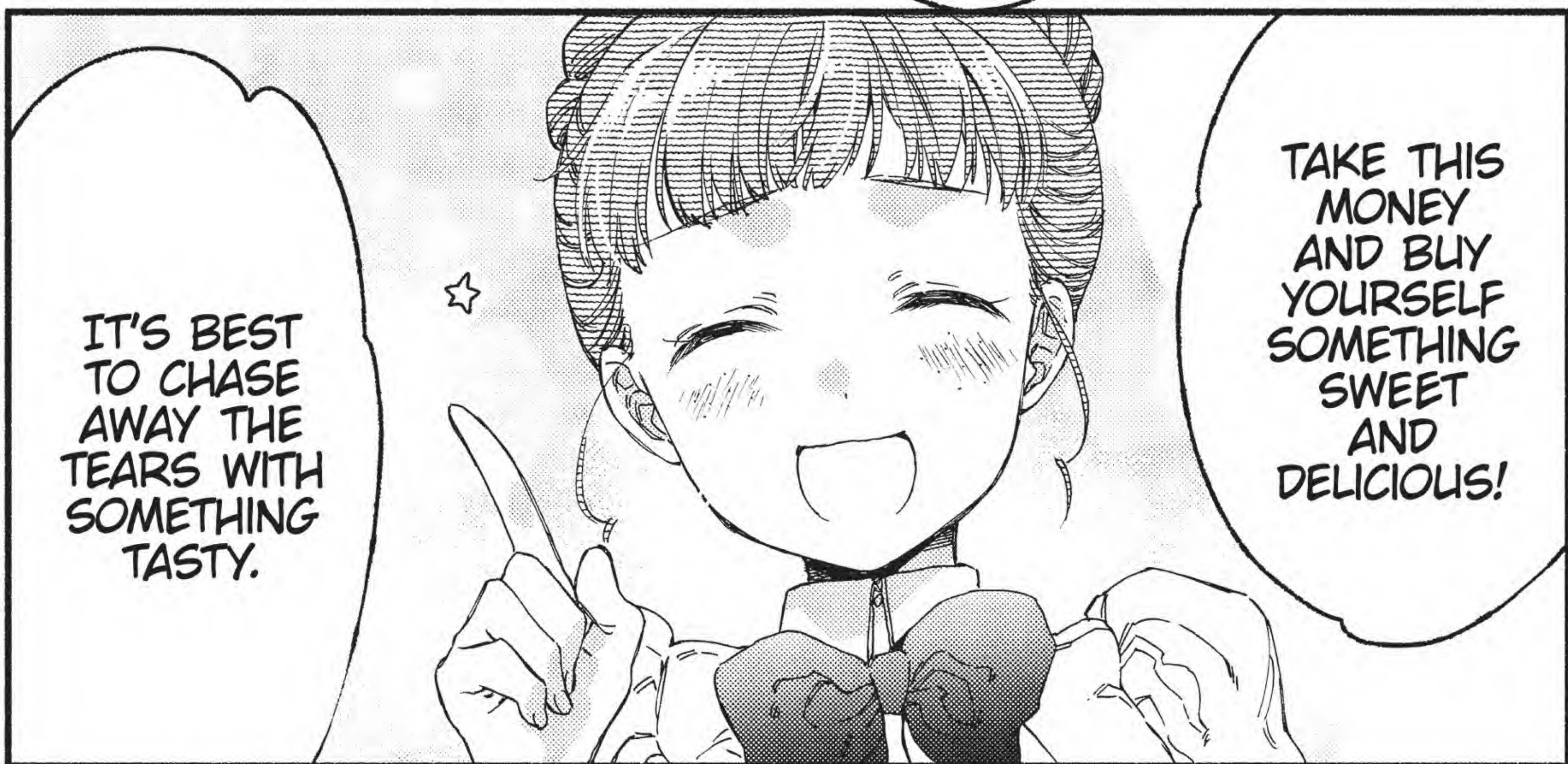
GYAH!

DUN

HOW ABOUT THIS MUCH?

IN THAT CASE...

Hmm...



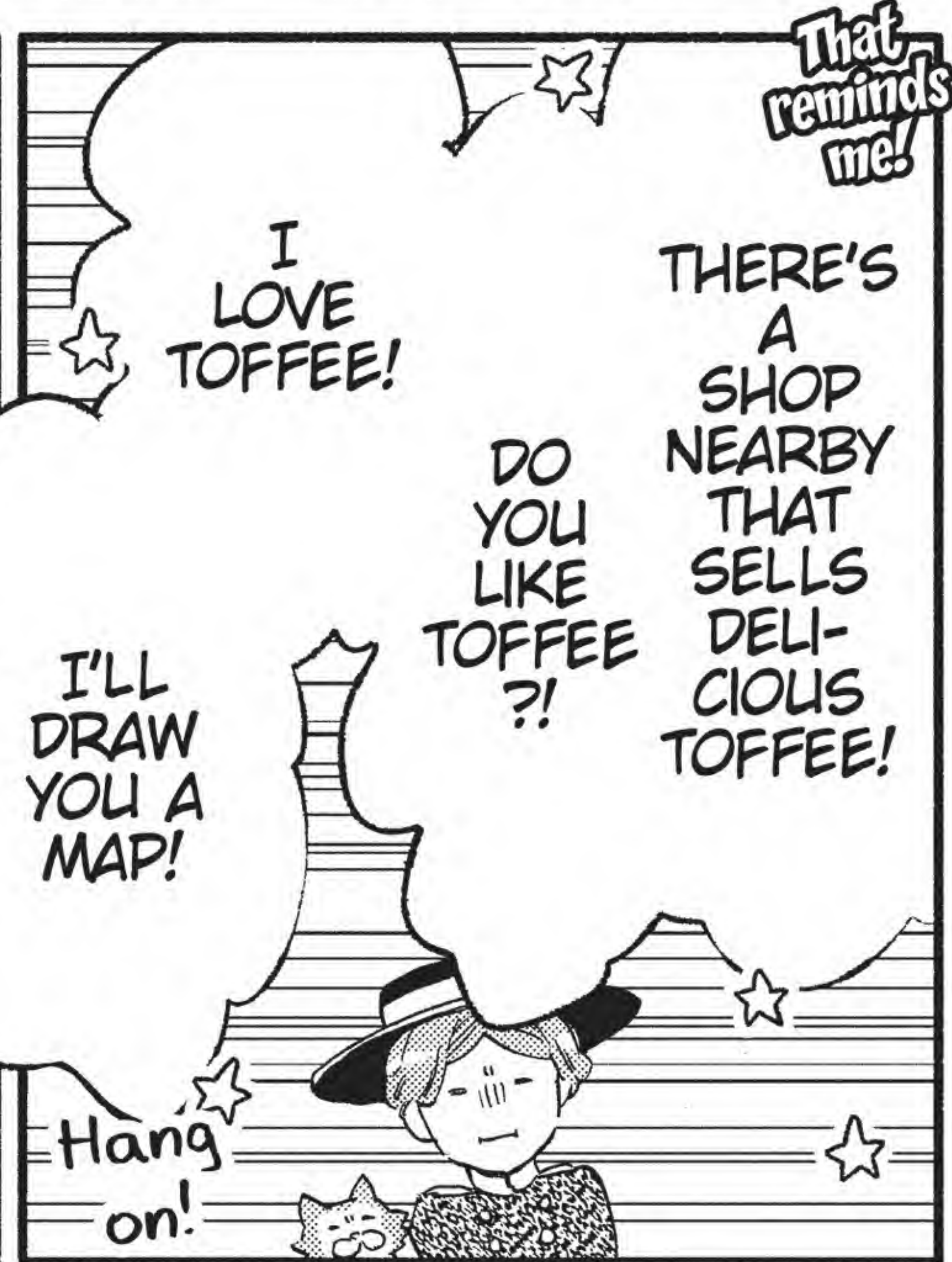
IT'S BEST TO CHASE AWAY THE TEARS WITH SOMETHING TASTY.

TAKE THIS MONEY AND BUY YOURSELF SOMETHING SWEET AND DELICIOUS!



Heh.

THIS IS A RATHER FORCEFUL ATTEMPT TO CHEER ME UP.



That reminds me!

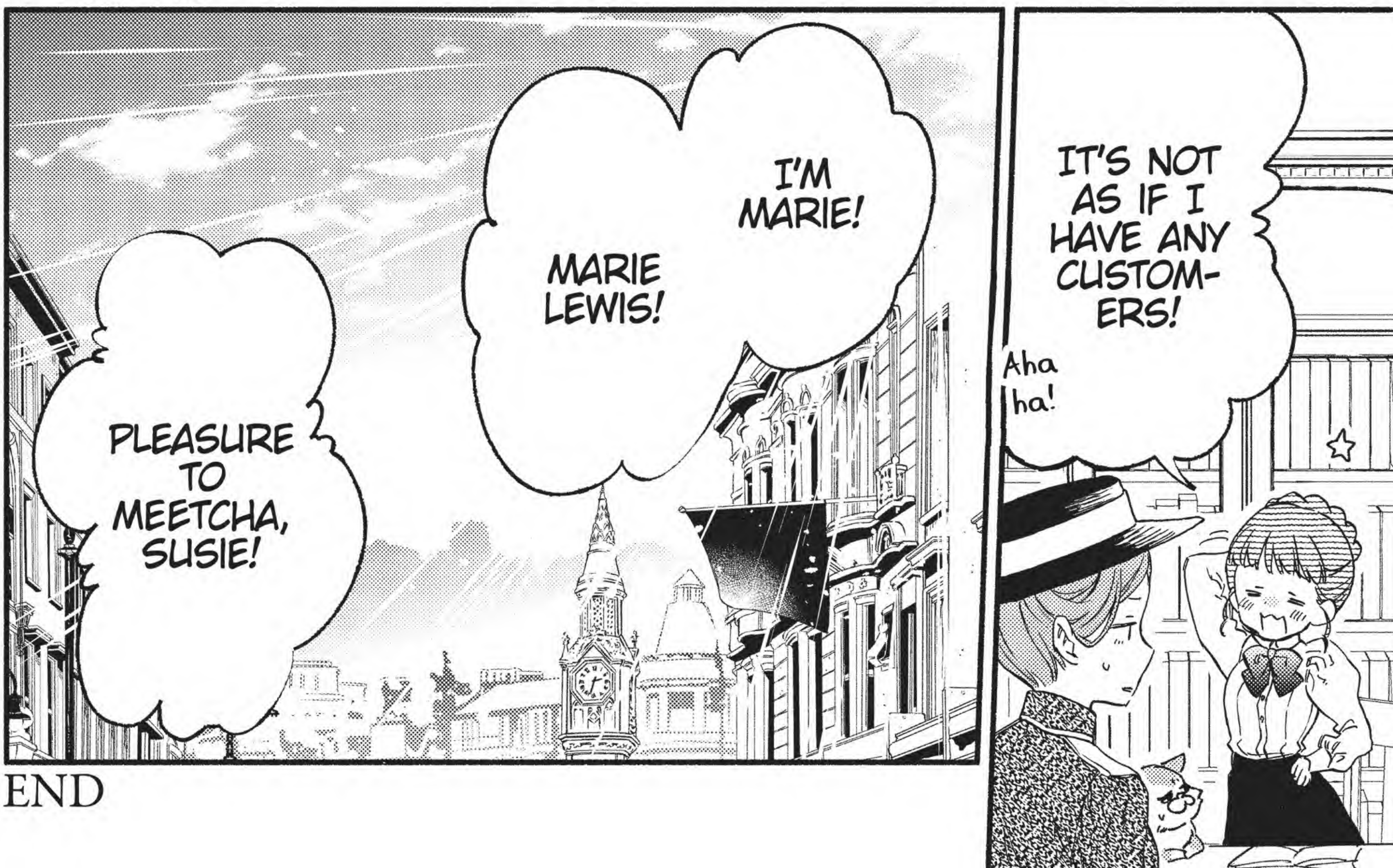
I LOVE TOFFEE!

THERE'S A SHOP NEARBY THAT SELLS DELICIOUS TOFFEE!

DO YOU LIKE TOFFEE ?!

I'LL DRAW YOU A MAP!

Hang on!



END

I thank
you very
much for
reading
Volume 2
of
Goodbye,
My Rose
Garden.



Hello,
I am Dr.
Pepperco.

AFTERWORD



At any rate,
Rose Garden
still remains
a delight
to draw.
See you in
Volume 3!!



Since Hanako's
hands are
always cold,
she's probably
really good at
making them.



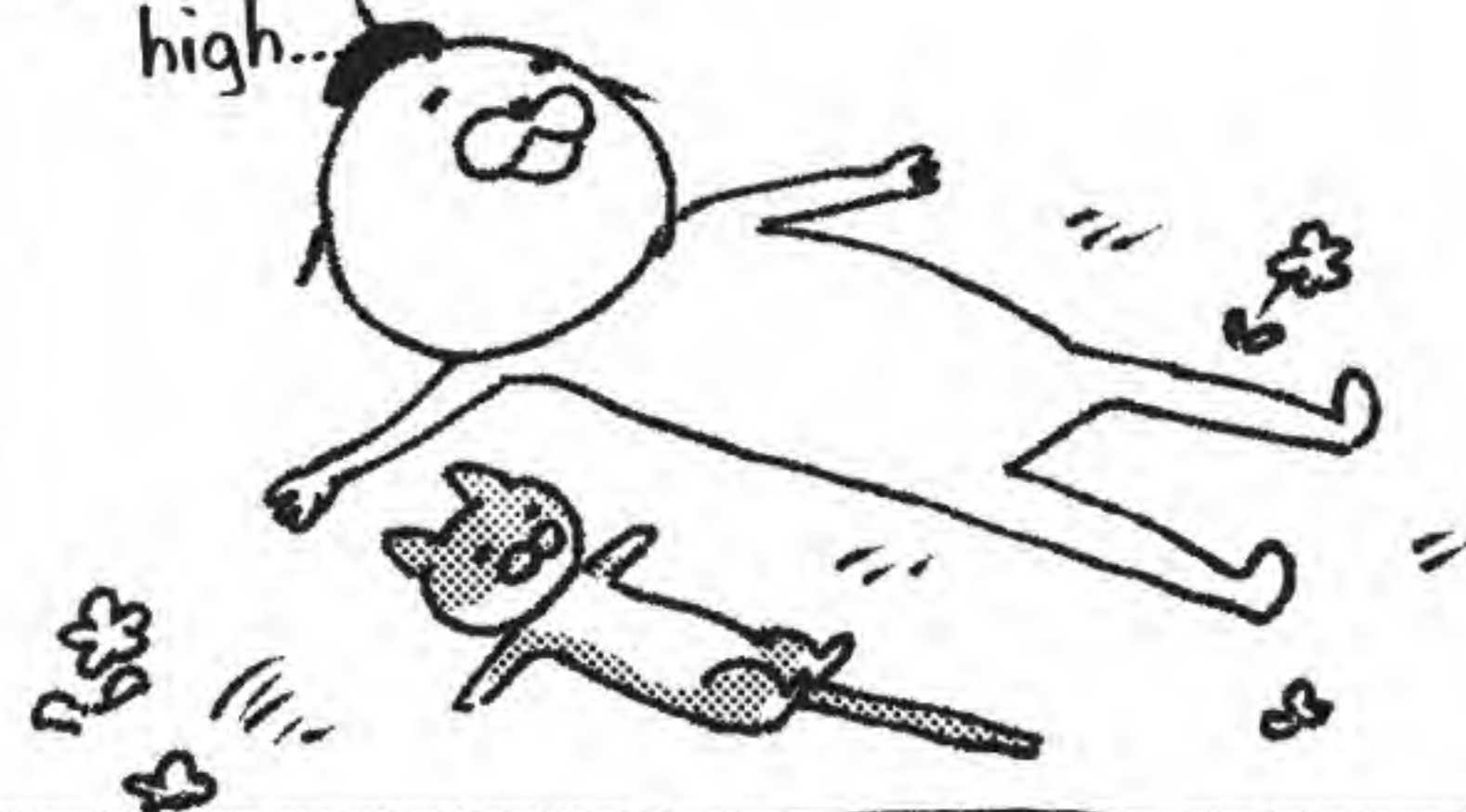
Scones come
out fine,
as long as
you don't
melt the
butter.



Knead it in
with the flour
before it melts.

Around the time
I began drawing
Rose Garden, I
was trying to get
better at making
traditional English
snacks.

Maybe I'm
aiming too
high...



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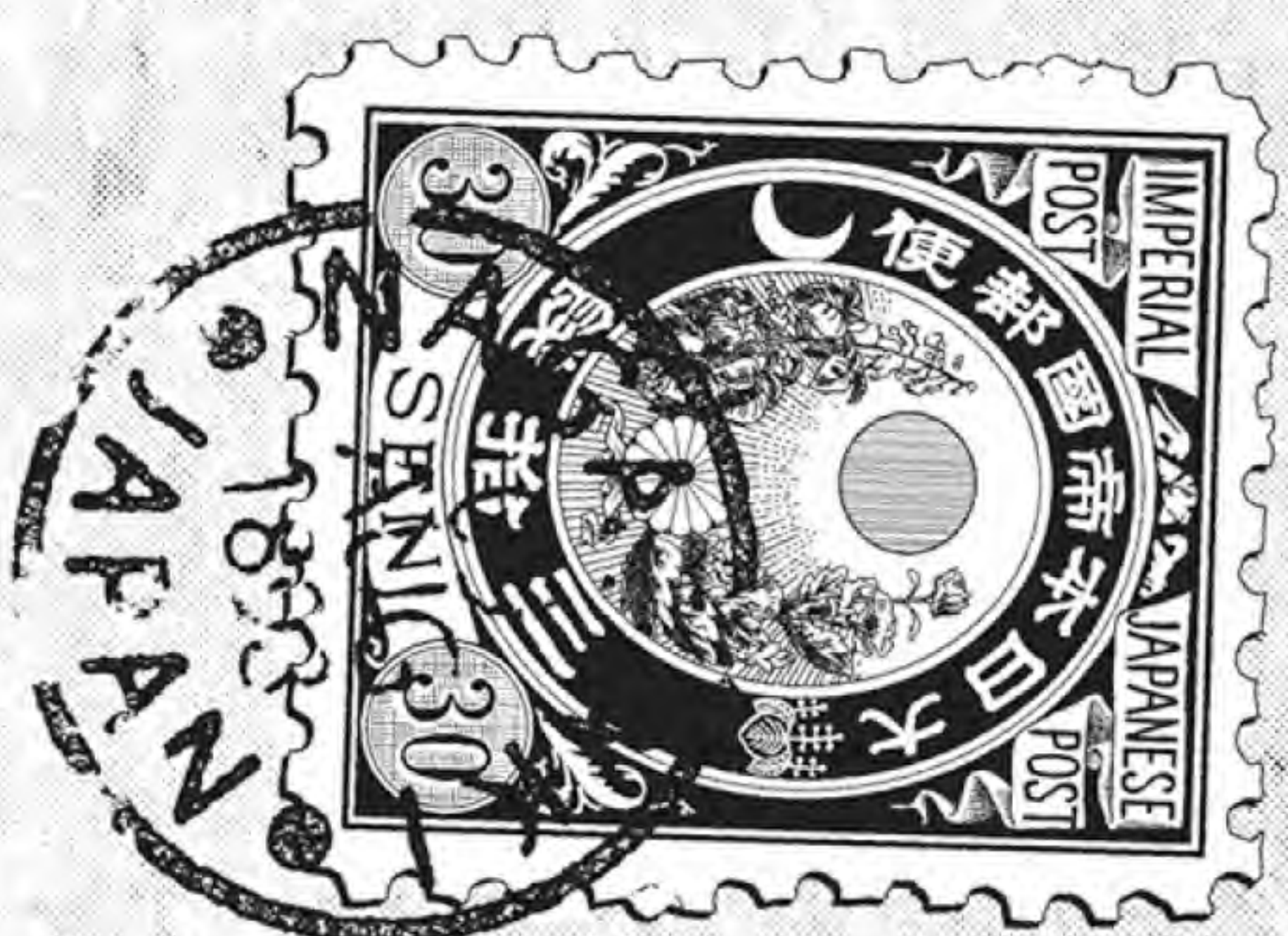


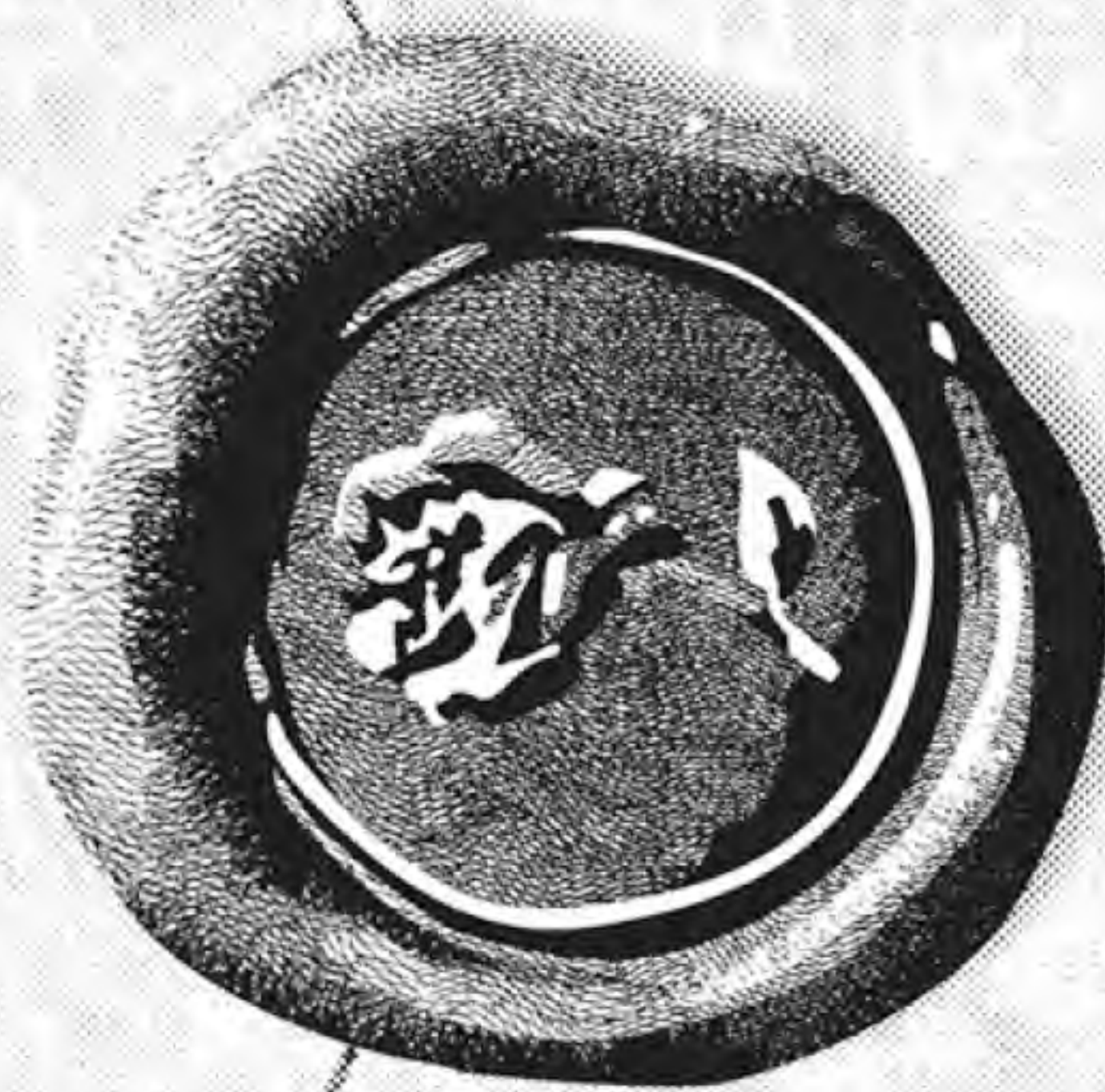
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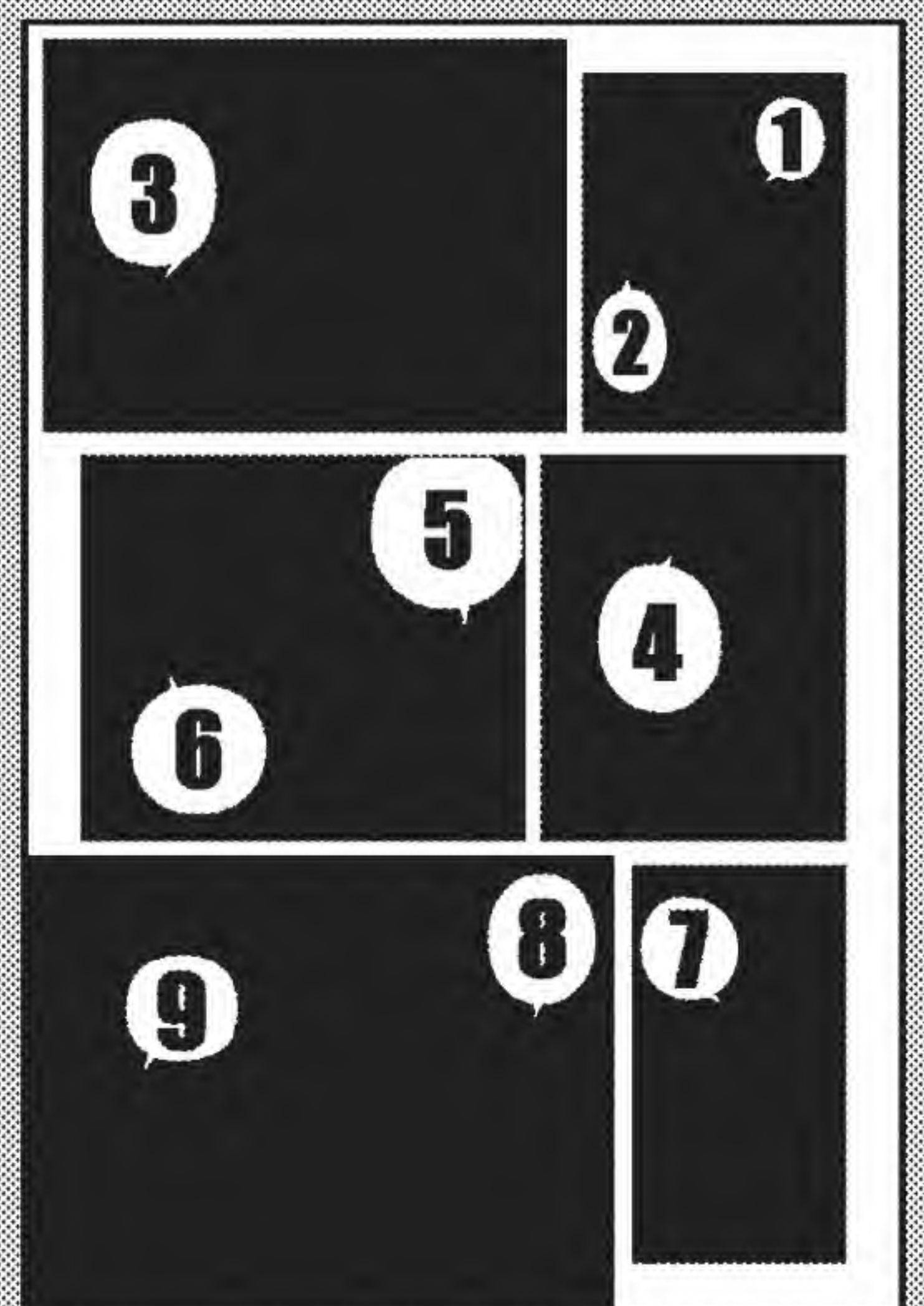
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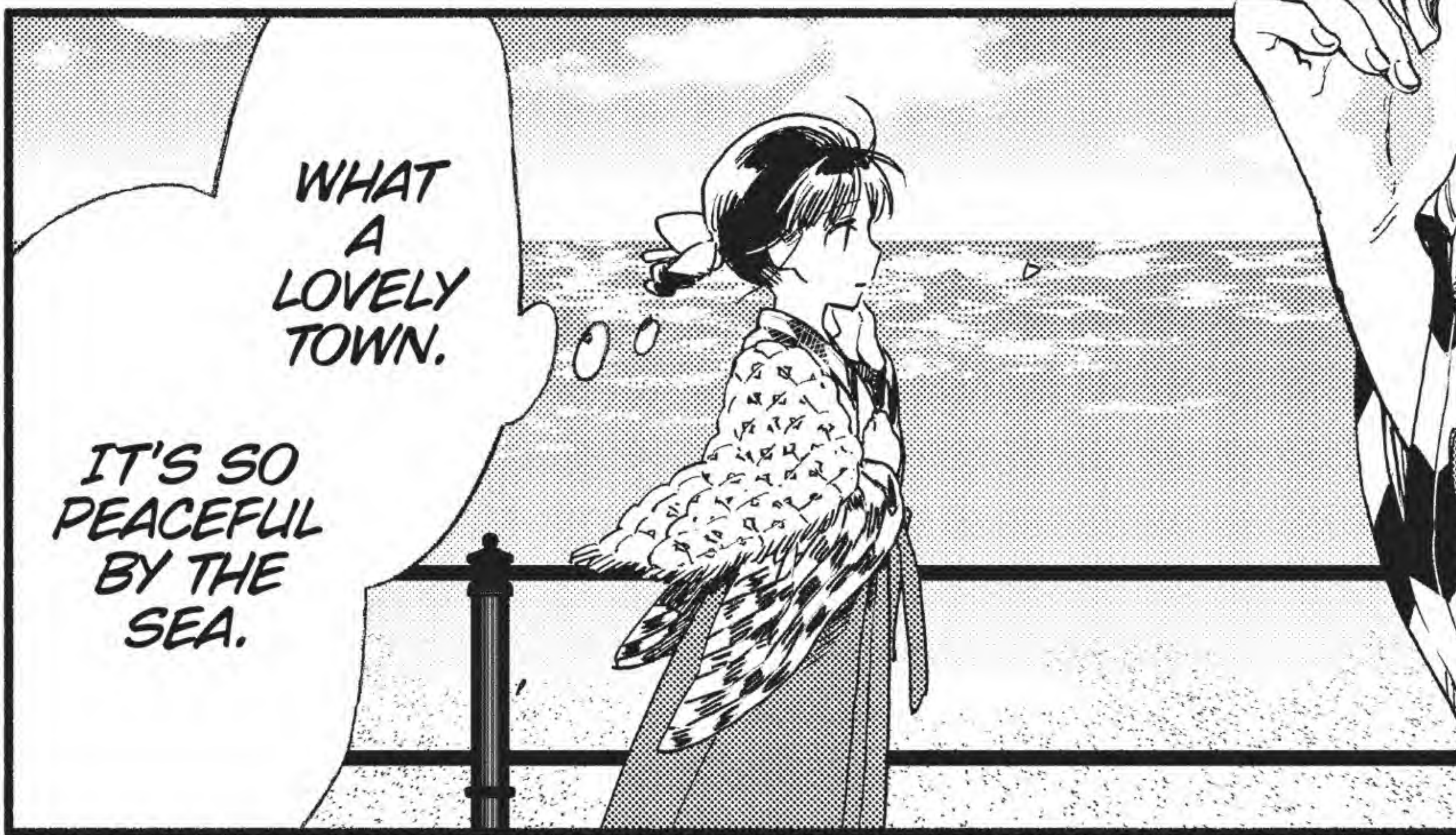
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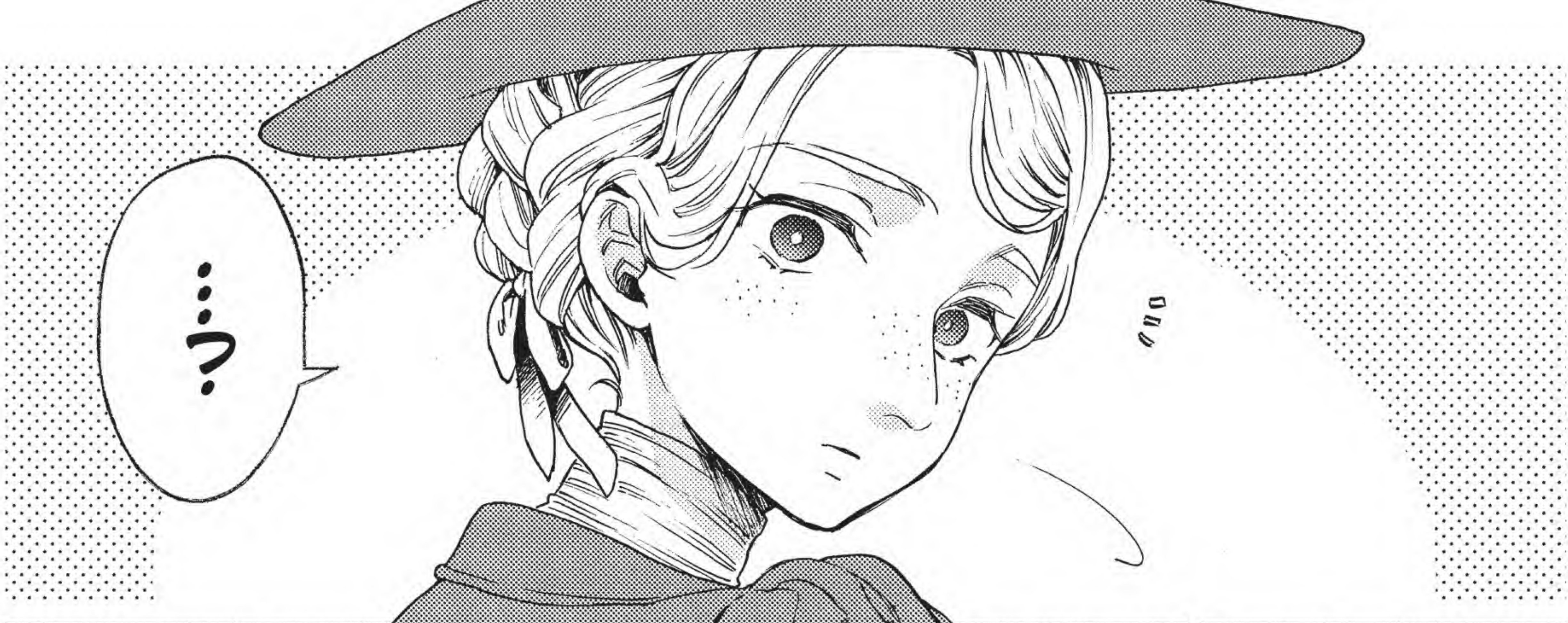
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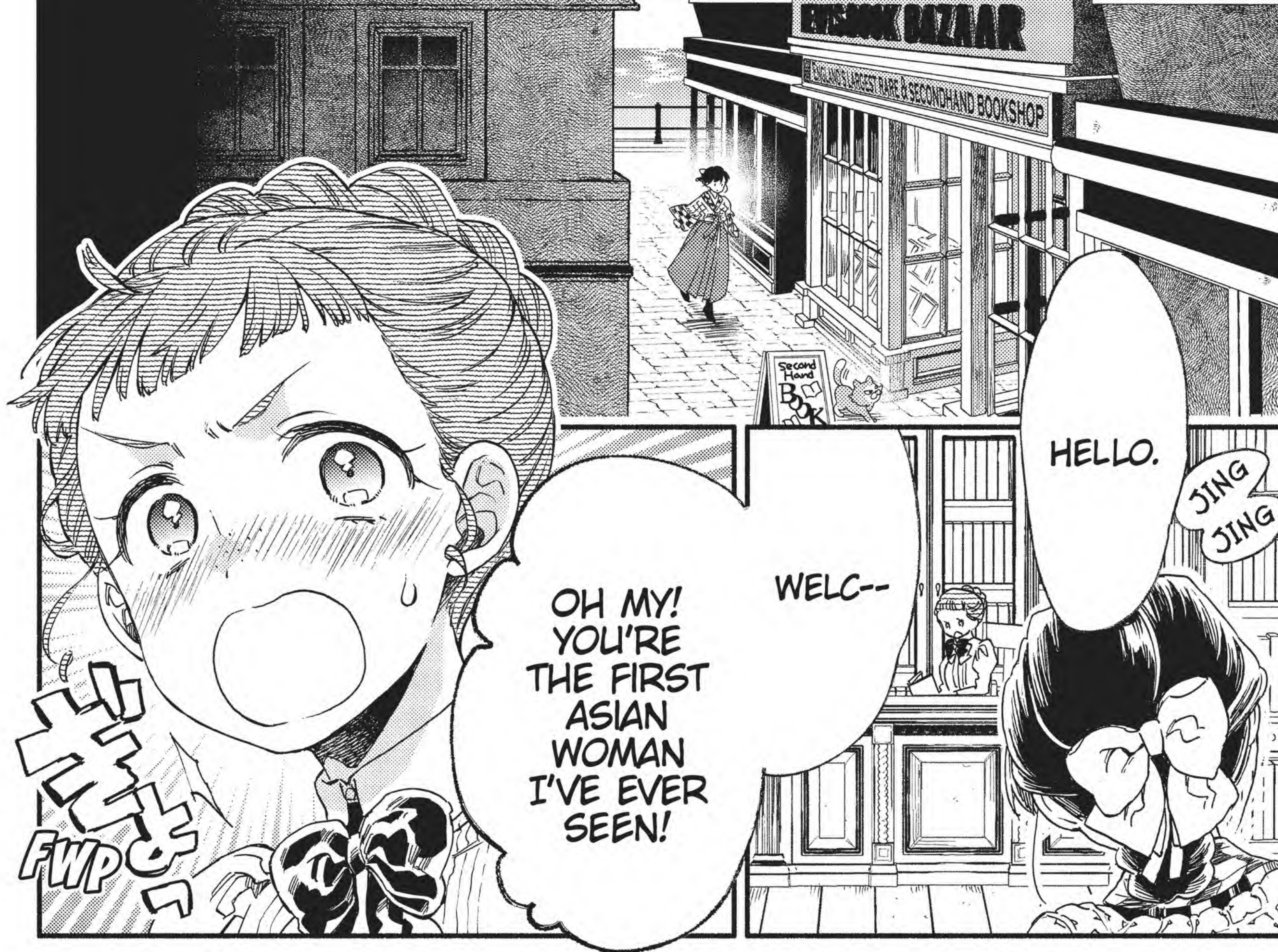
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The Sunlight Between Clouds and the Opening Bud









OH MY!
YOU'RE
THE FIRST
ASIAN
WOMAN
I'VE EVER
SEEN!

WELC--

HELLO.

JING
JING

FWP



OR
HAVE YOU
MOVED
HERE TO
STAY?!

IF YOU
CAME IN
SUMMER,
YOU COULD
PLAY IN THE
OCEAN AND
SEE THE
TOWN IN
ALL ITS
GLORY!

WHY'D YOU
COME ALL
THIS WAY
IN THE
DEAD OF
WINTER?!

ARE
YOU
SIGHT-
SEE-
ING?

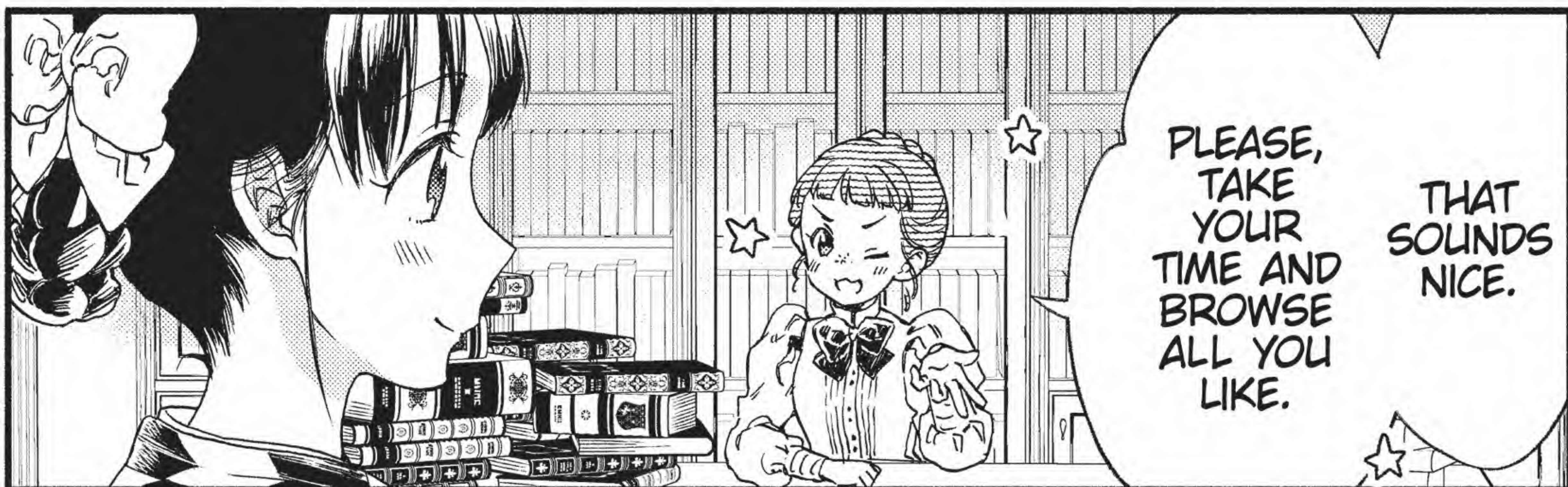
WHERE
ARE YOU
FROM?!

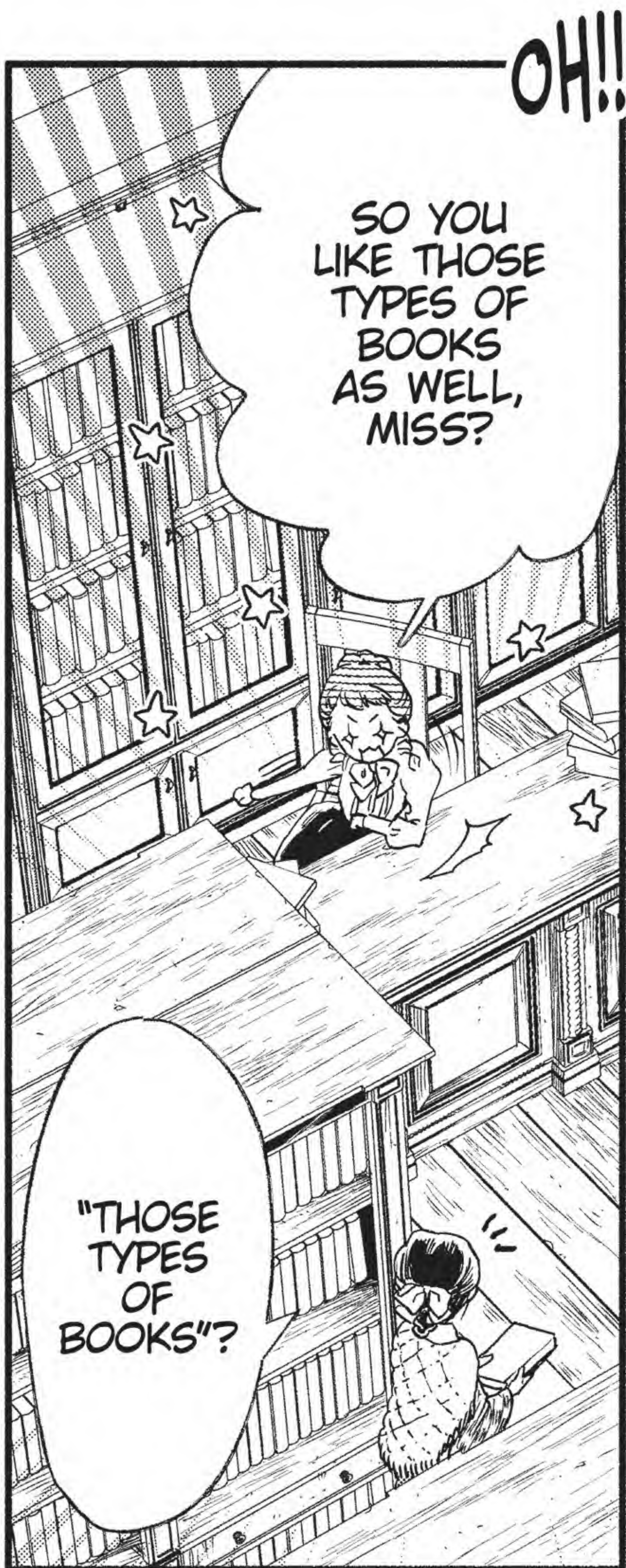
Wh-
what?!

I TEND
TO TALK
TOO MUCH.
IT GETS
ME IN ALL
SORTS OF
TROUBLE!

APOLOGIES,
THAT WAS
RUDE OF
ME!

Ah!
Uh
WELL... uhm...
I...
UH...





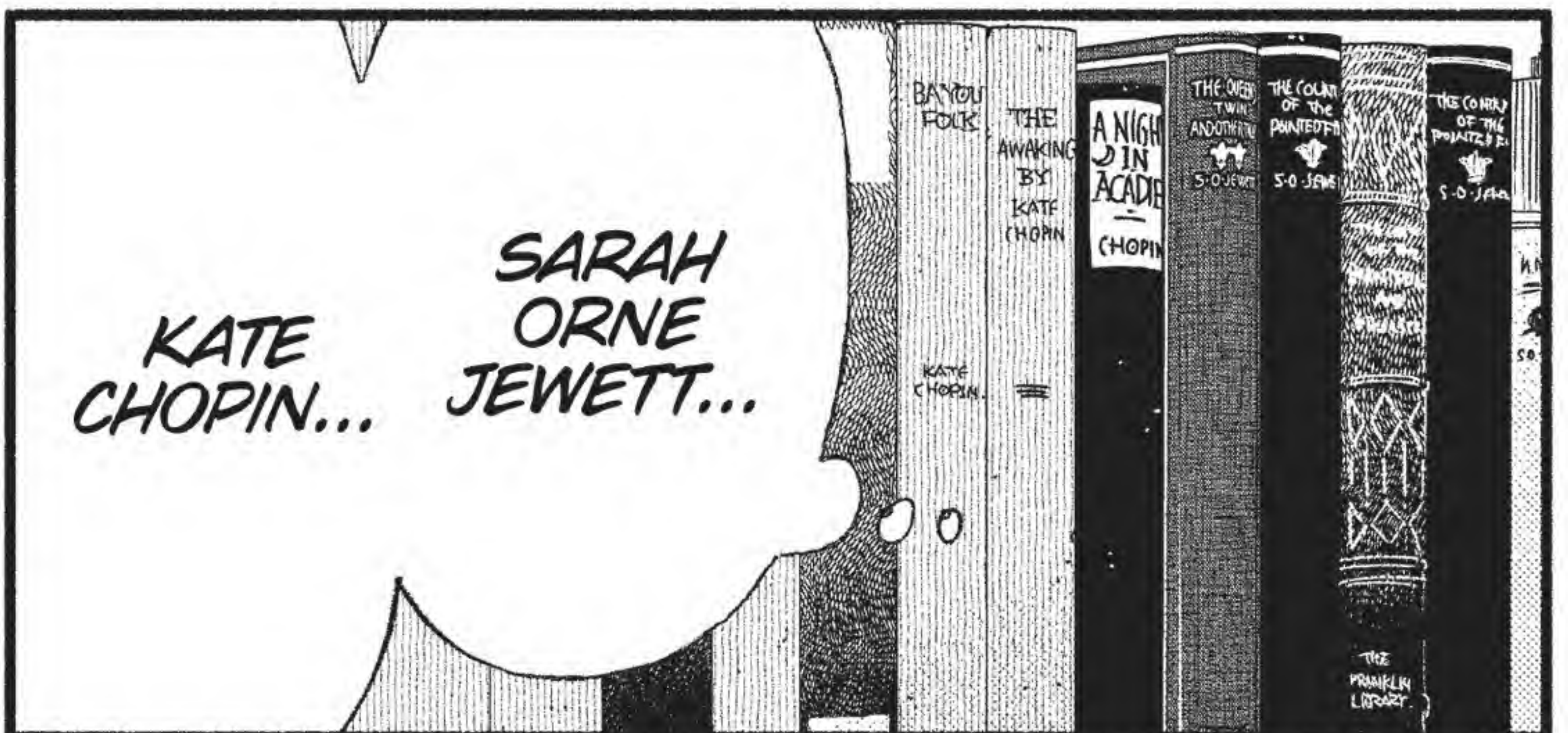
OH!!

SO YOU
LIKE THOSE
TYPES OF
BOOKS
AS WELL,
MISS?

"THOSE
TYPES
OF
BOOKS"?



FOR
SUCH A
SMALL
SHOP,
THEY
HAVE A
GREAT
DEAL OF
BOOKS.



KATE
CHOPIN...

SARAH
ORNE
JEWETT...



How
intriguing...

MAYBE
THIS
CORNER
IS FOR
FEMALE
AU-
THORS...

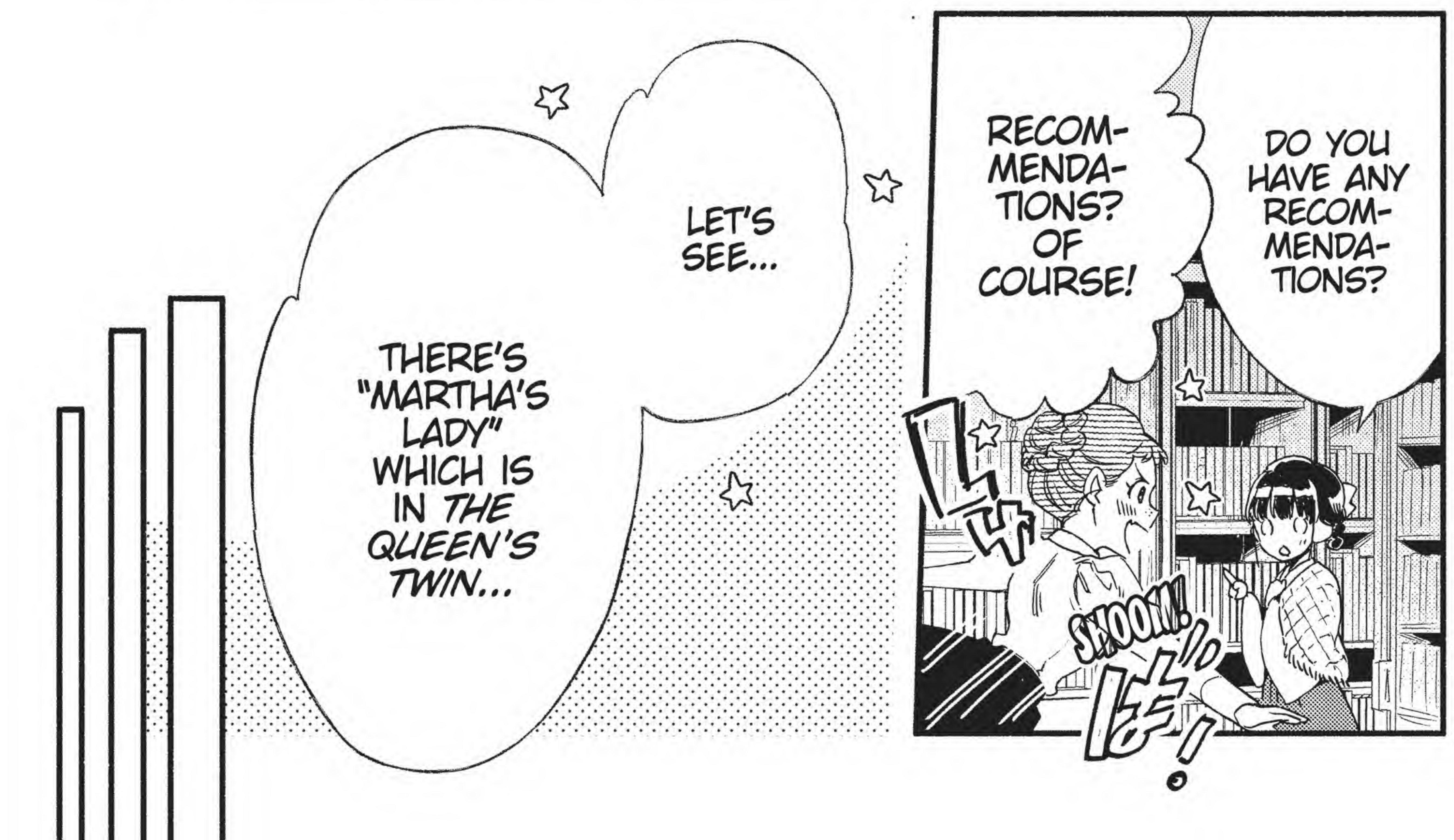


ROMANTIC
...?



Hmm...

BOOKS
ABOUT
ROMANTIC
FEMALE
FRIEND-
SHIPS.





HERE IS
YOUR KEY,
MISS.

THANK
YOU.

BUT I
SHALL
RETURN
FOR
THAT
LATER.

I AM
GOING
OUT
FOR A
BIT.



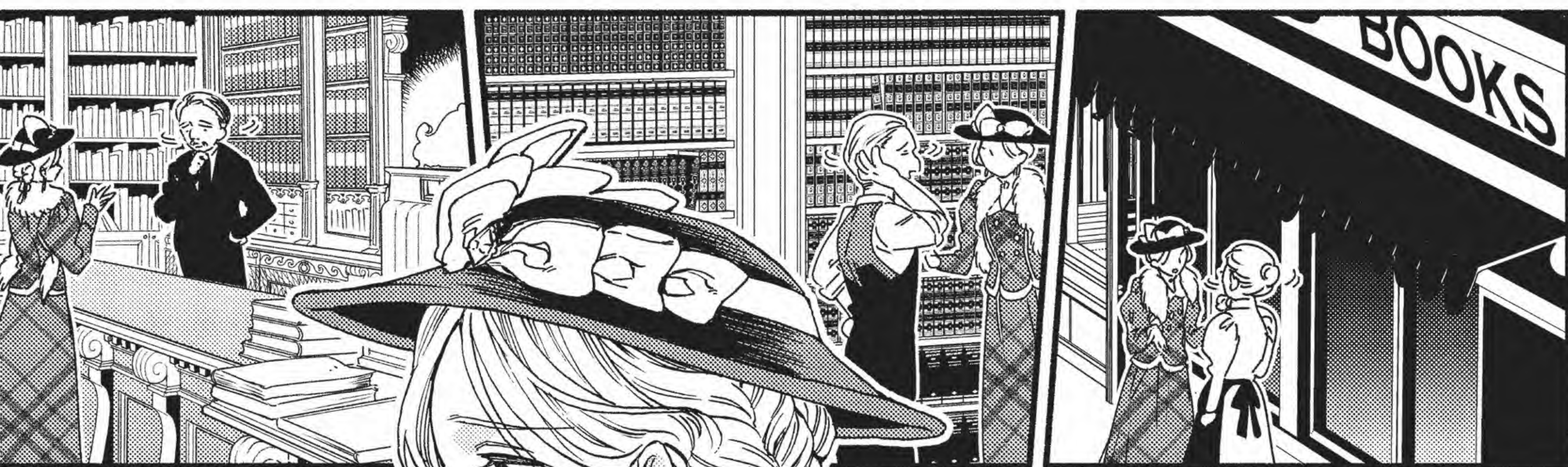
VERY
WELL,
MISS.

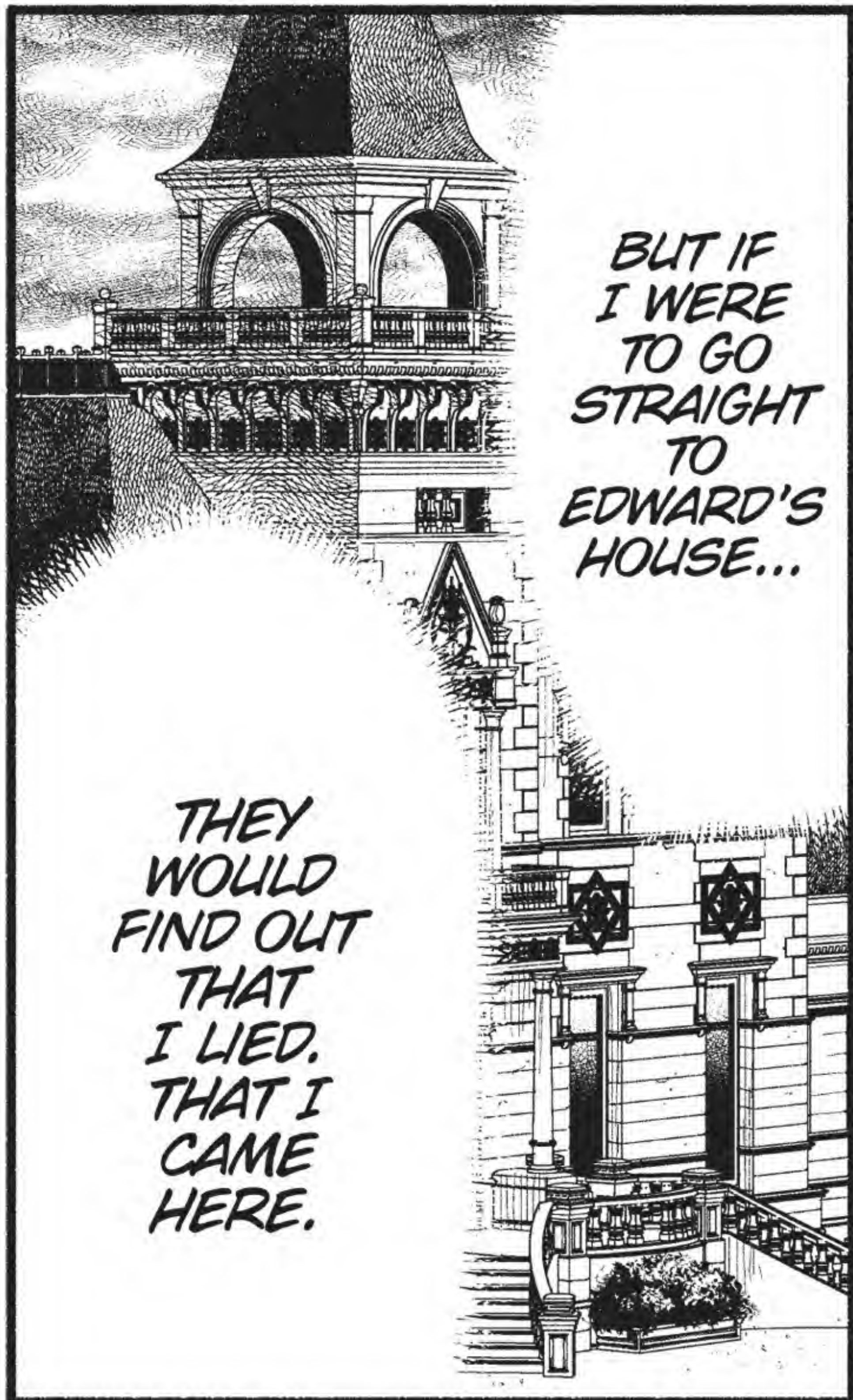
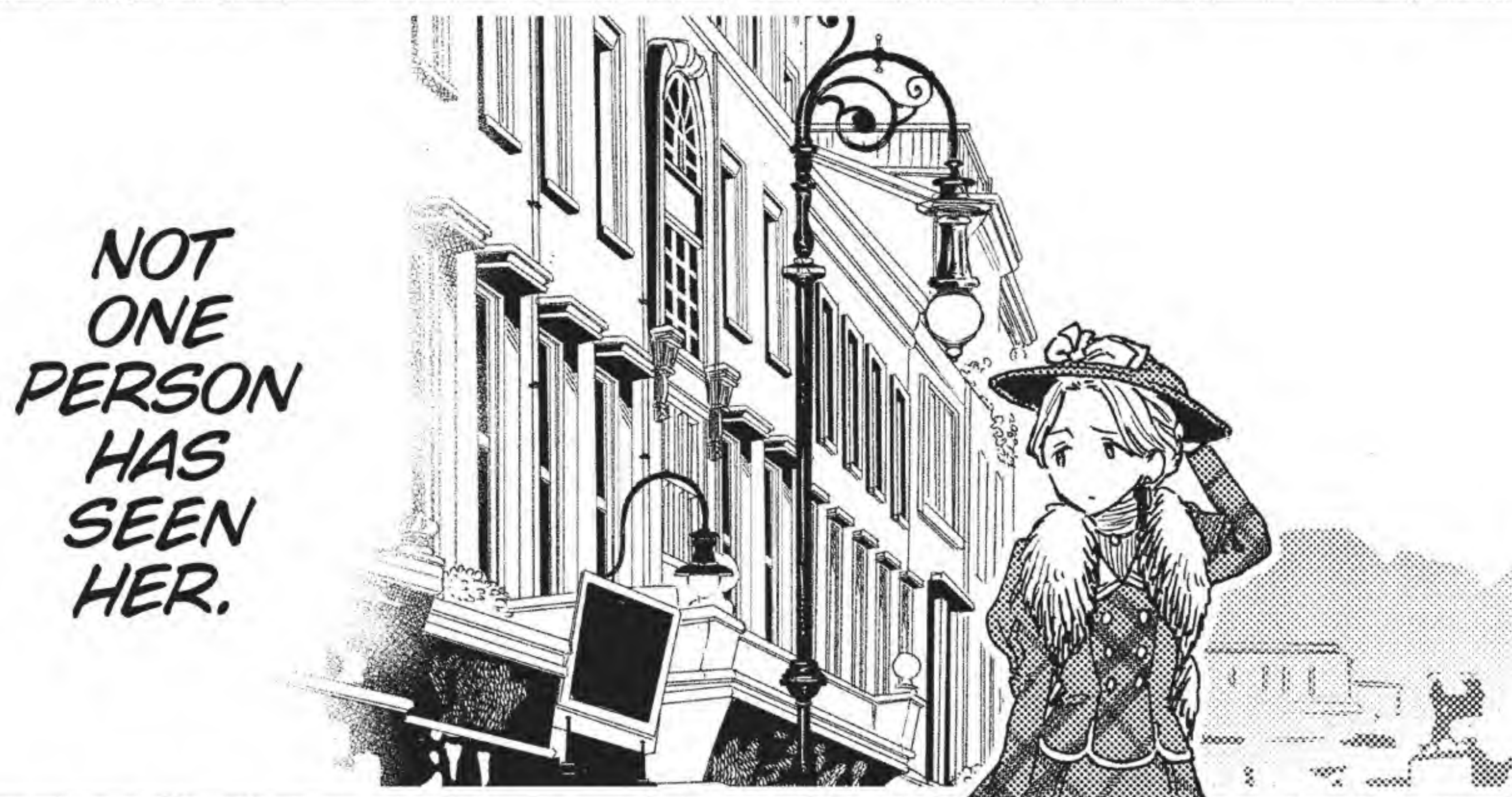
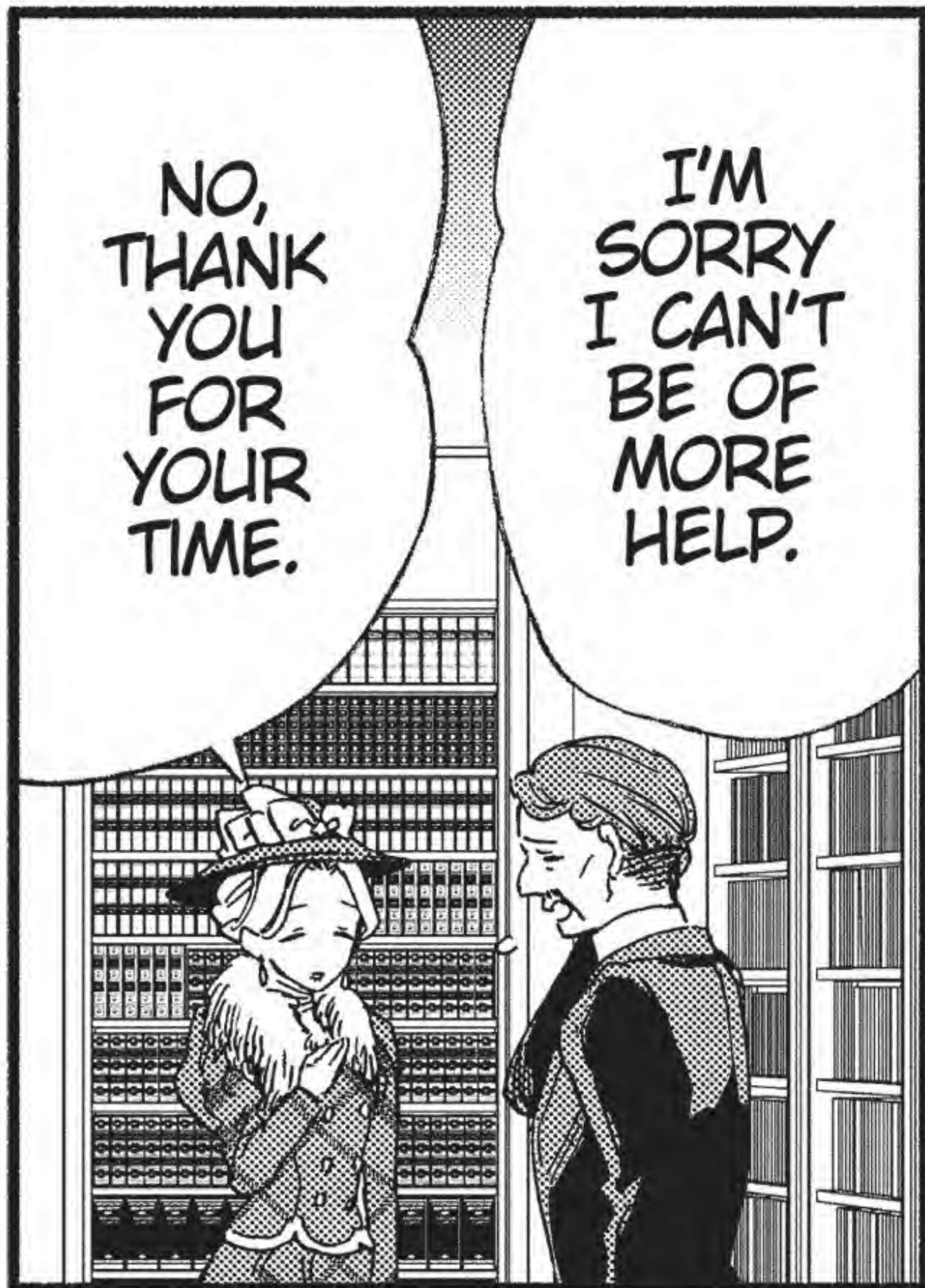
I SHALL
RETURN
BEFORE
NIGHT-
FALL.



PLEASE
DO.

IN THAT
CASE, WE'LL
TAKE YOUR
LUGGAGE
TO YOUR
ROOM.







EVEN IF IT
WILL ONLY
DEEPEN MY
MOTHER'S
DOUBT.

I...

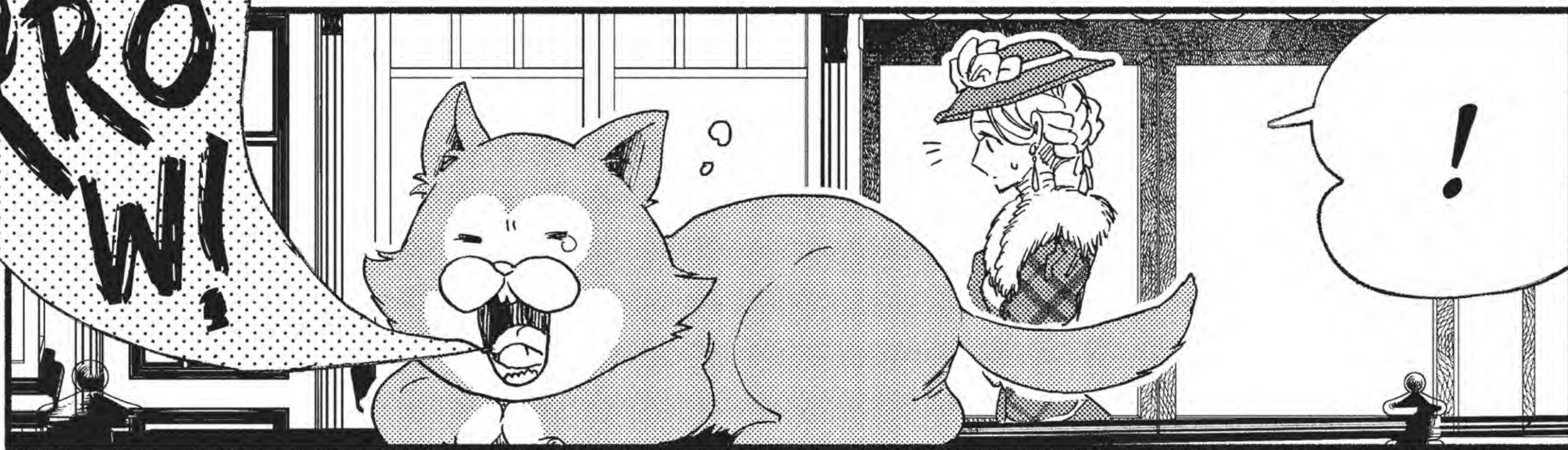
MR
RRO
W!



BUT IF I
DO NOT
FIND HER,
COMING
HERE IS
MEANING-
LESS.



I MUST
GO
THERE...

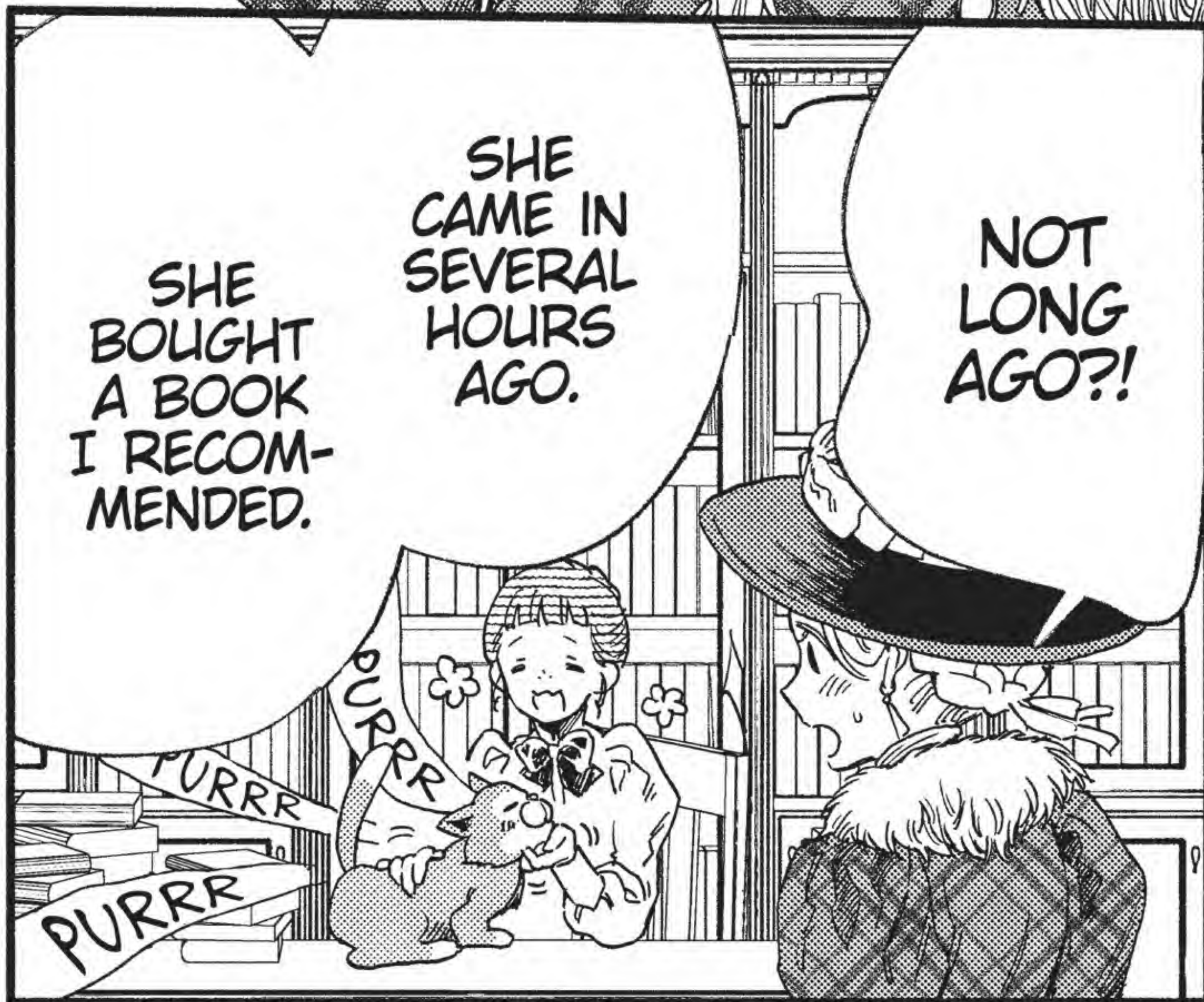
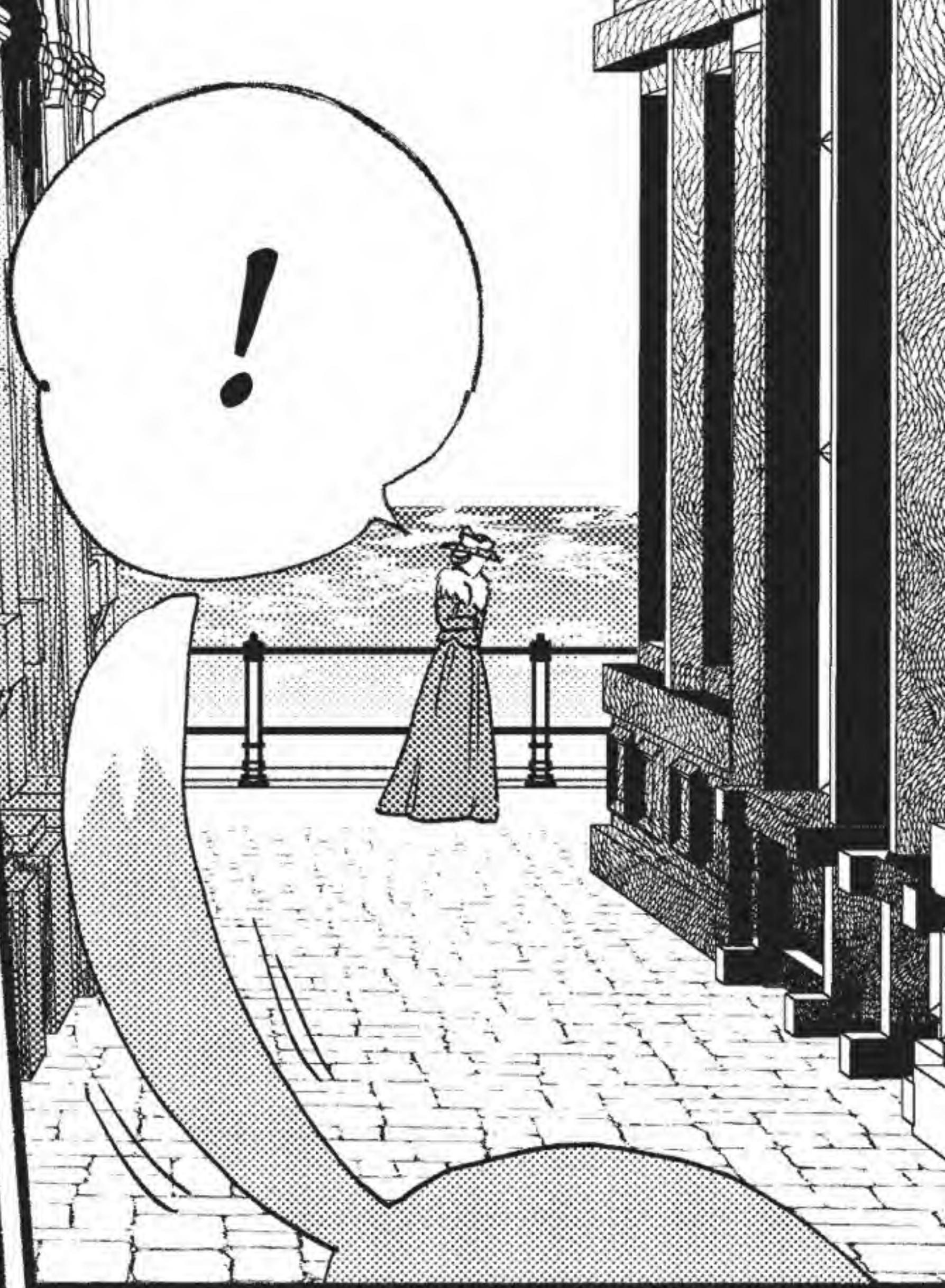


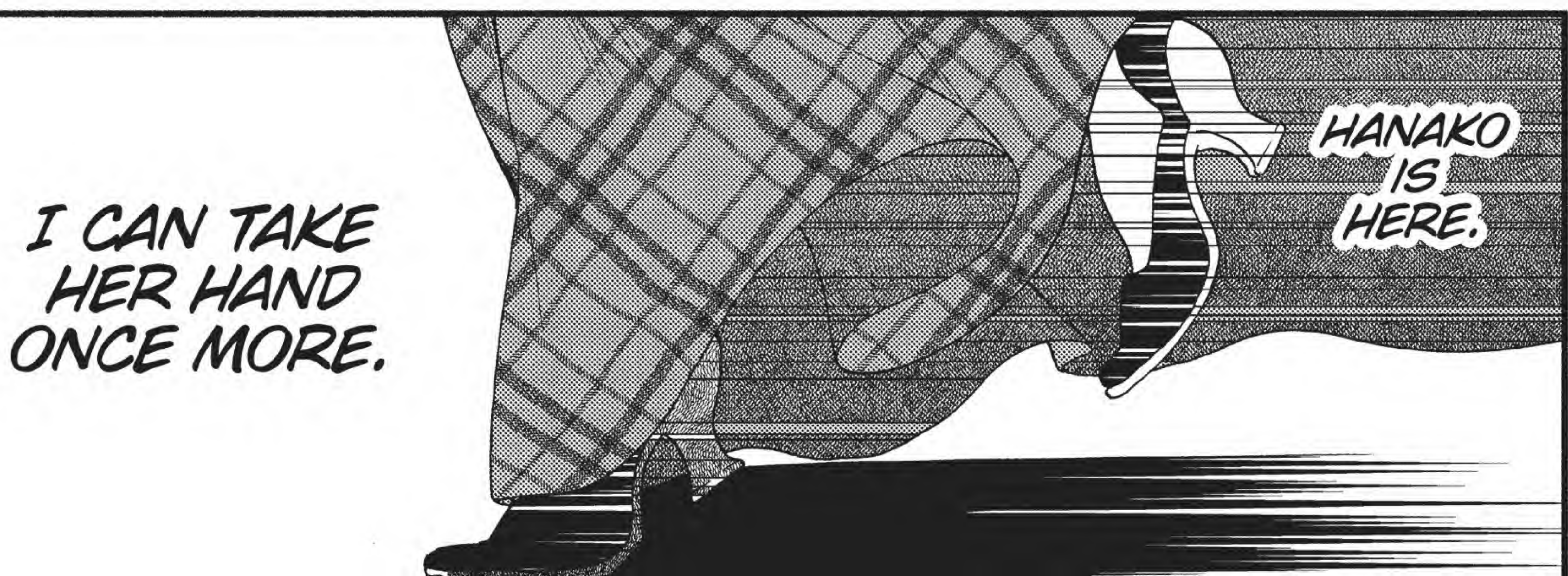
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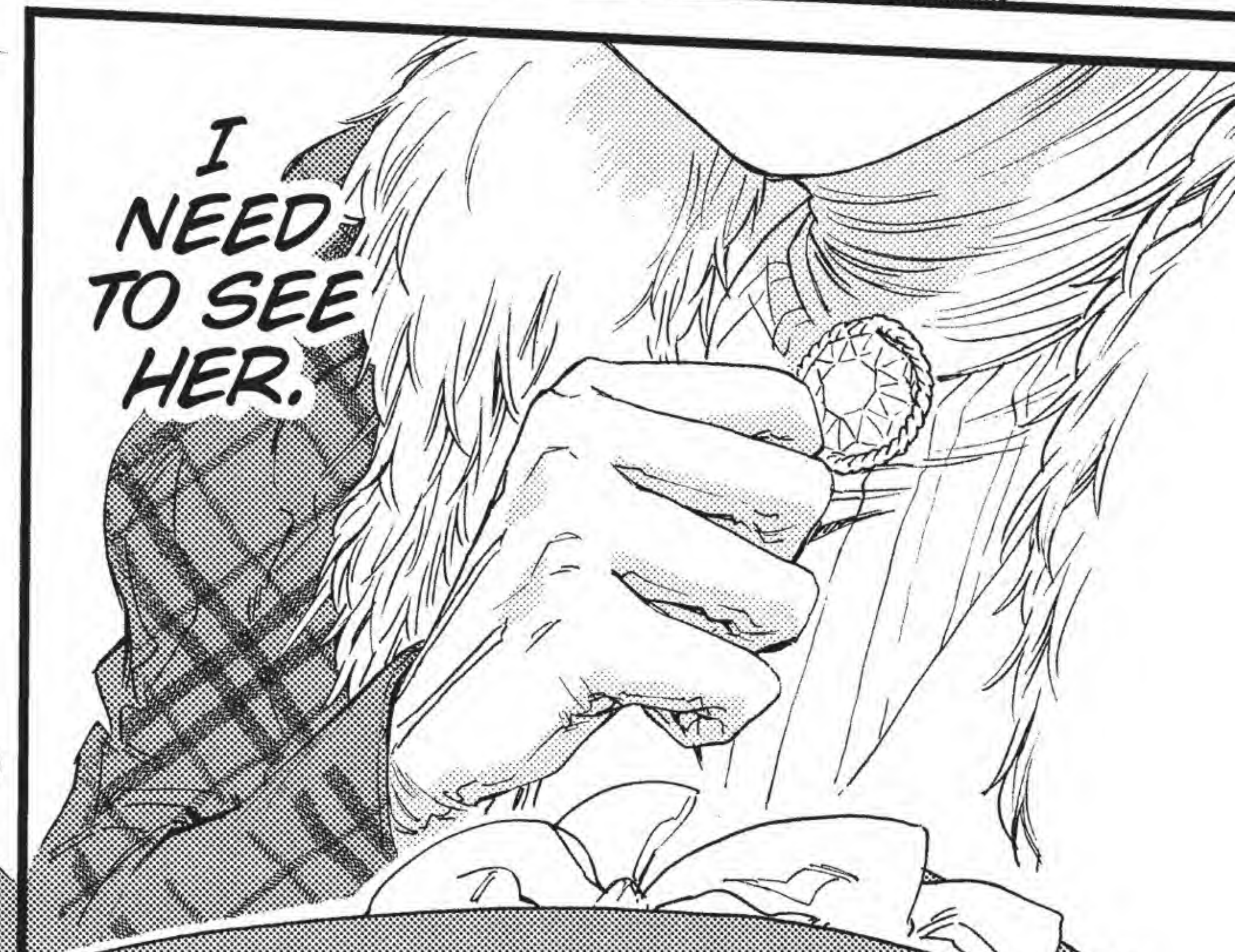
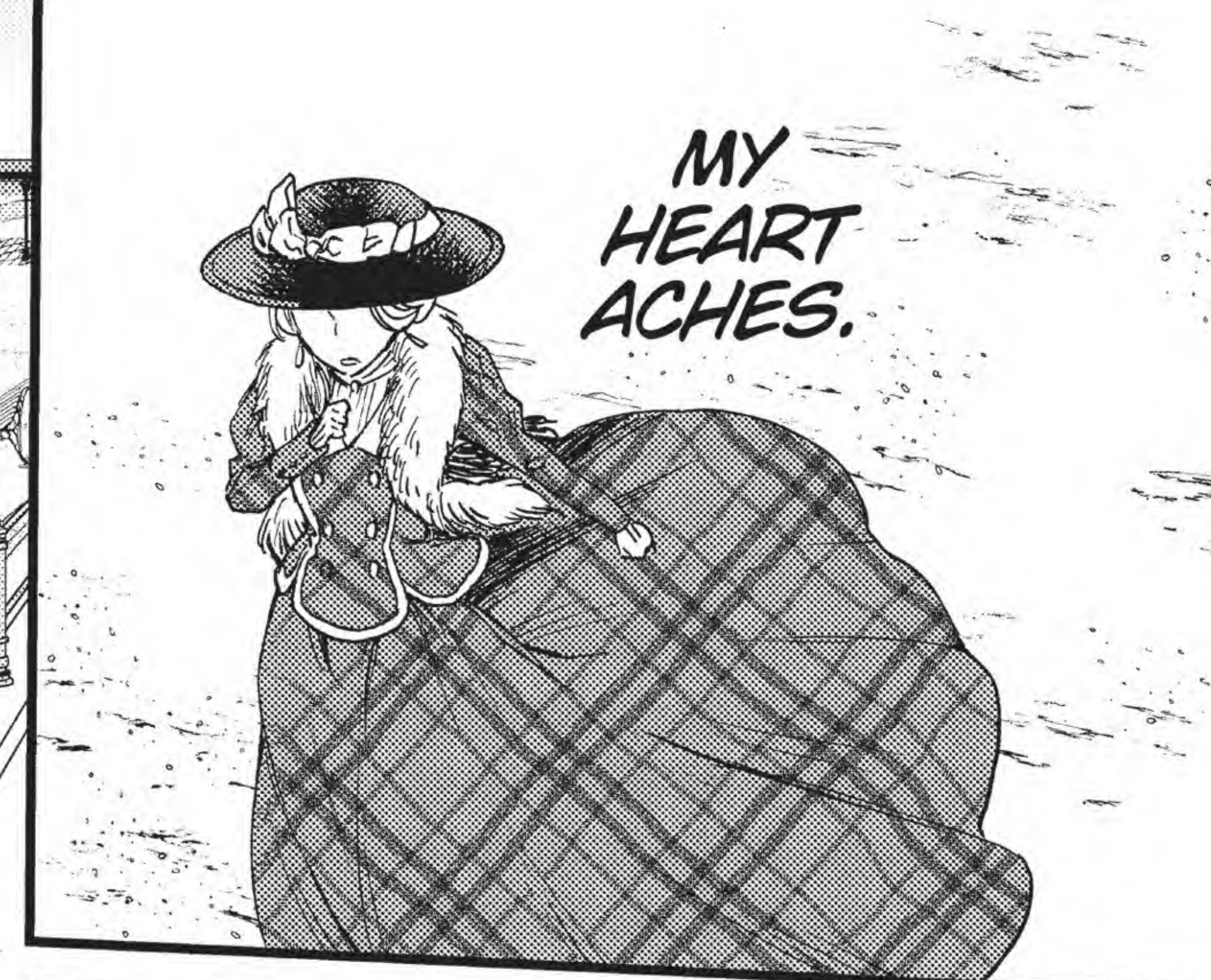
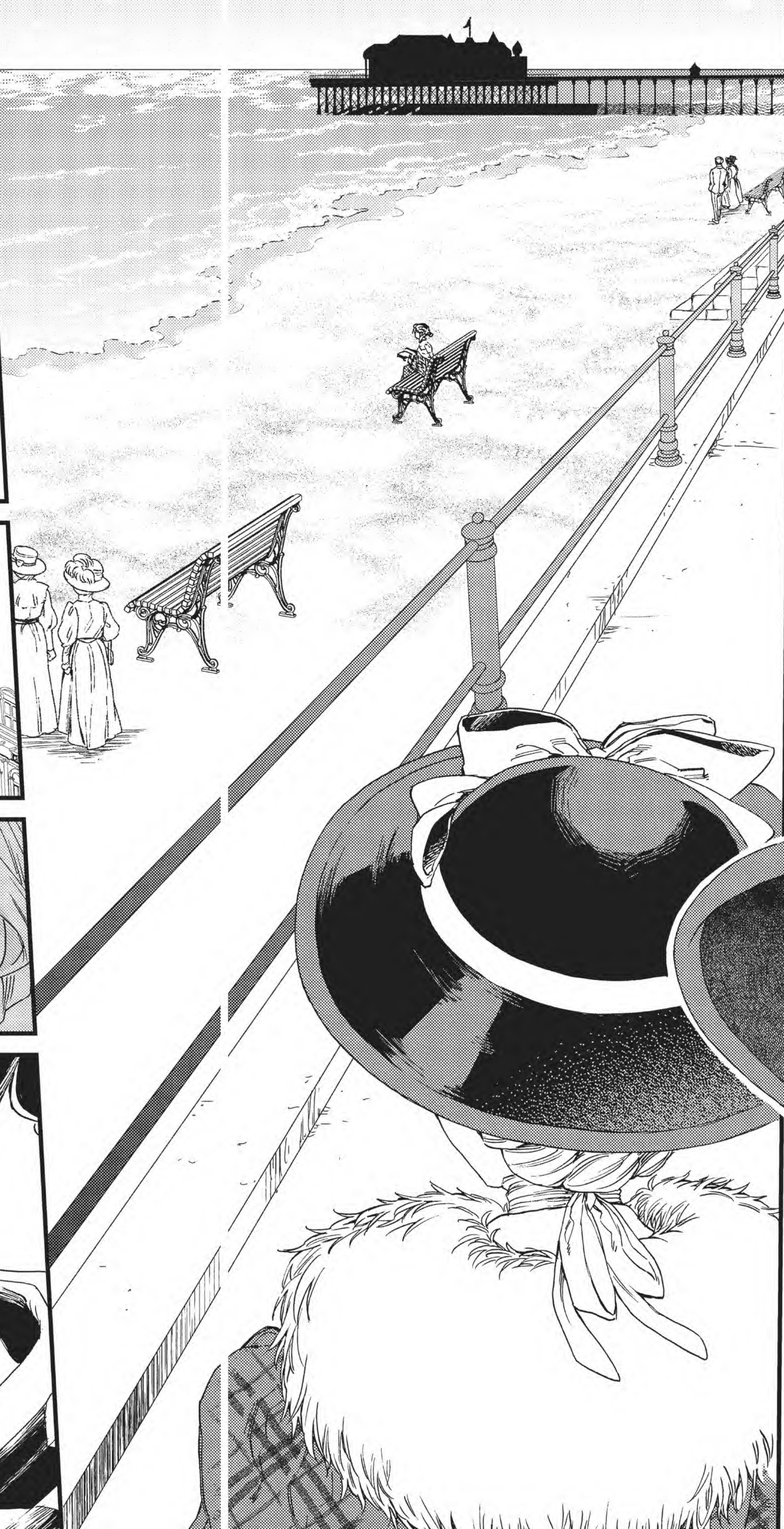
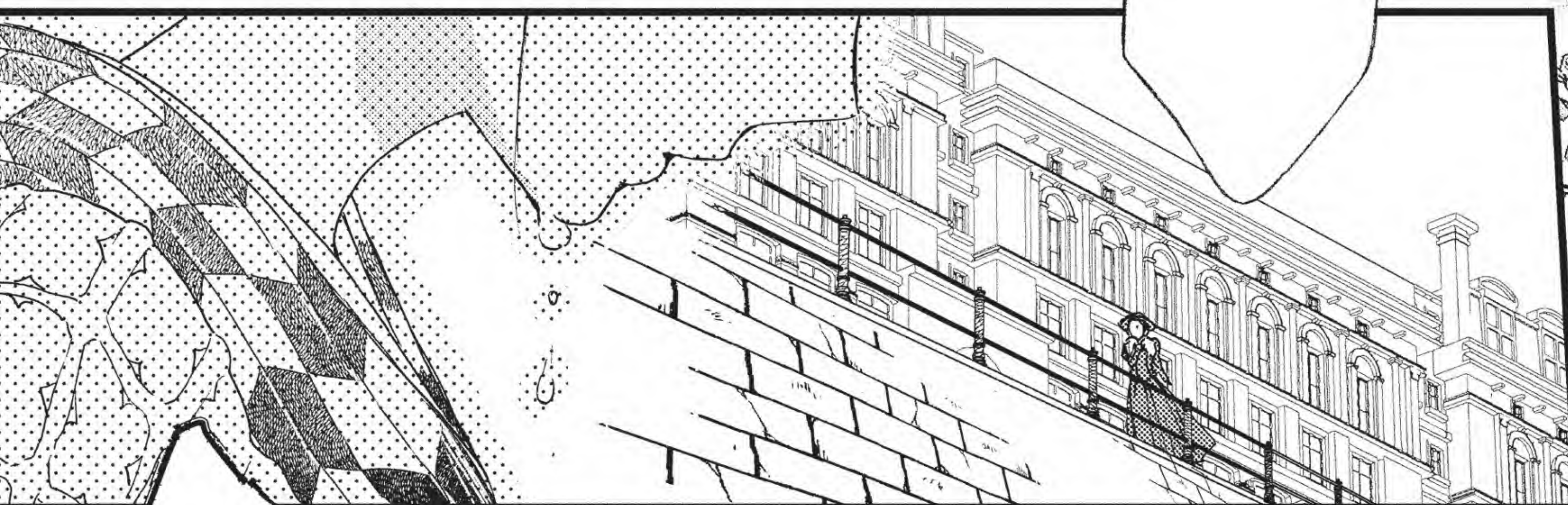


WHAT
A
DARLING
CAT.

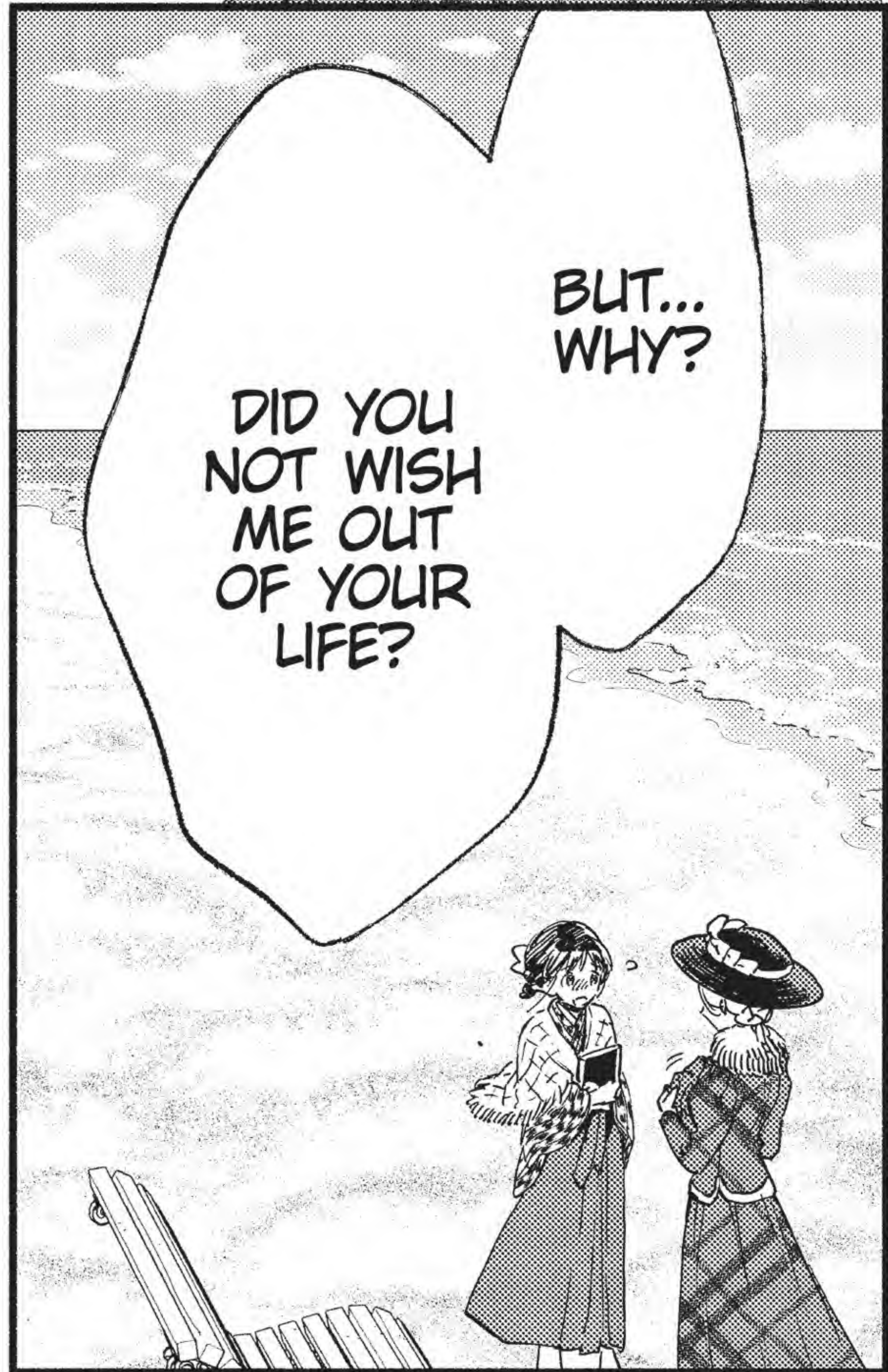
HAVE
YOU
SEEN
HANAKO?

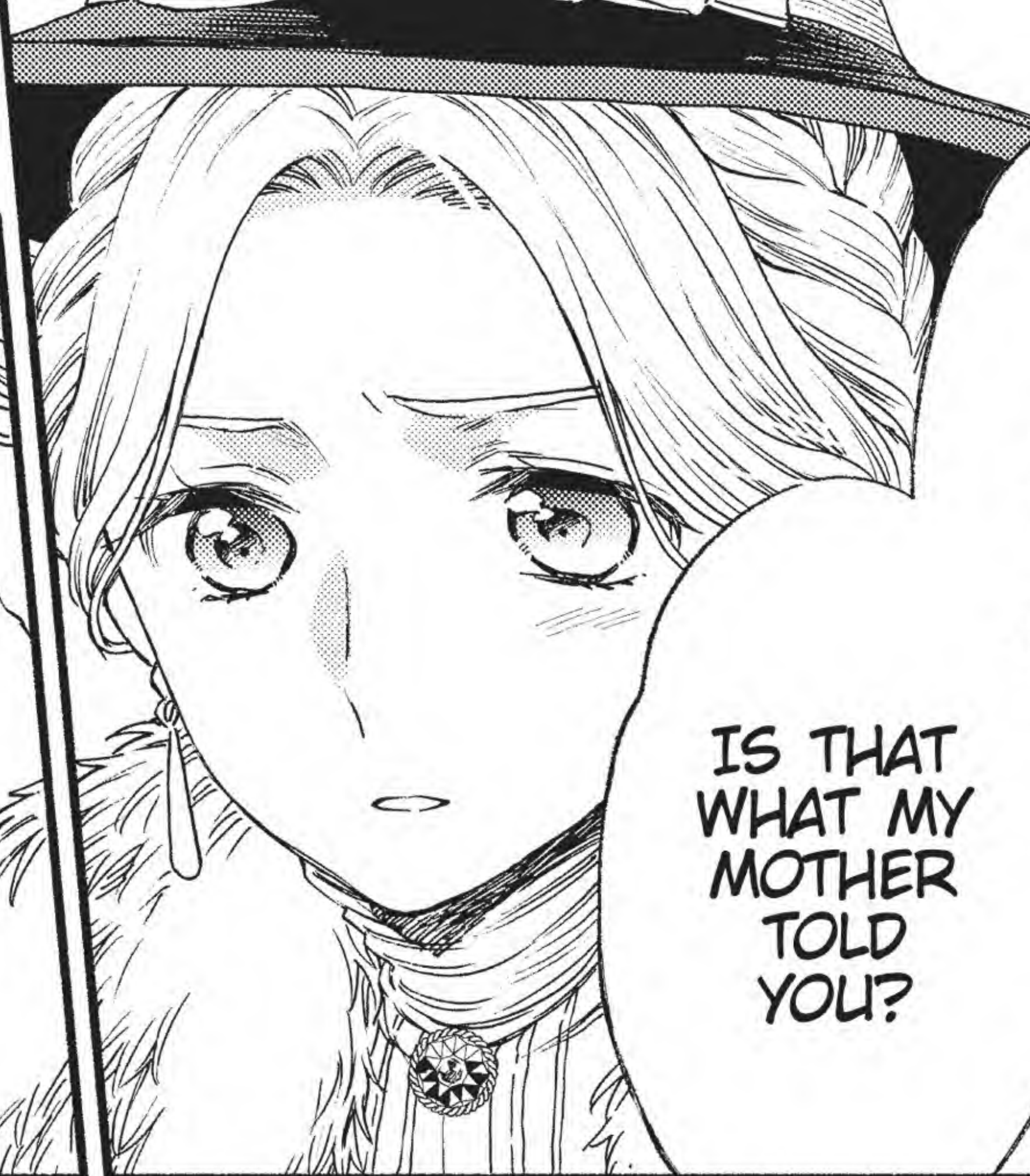












IS THAT
WHAT MY
MOTHER
TOLD
YOU?

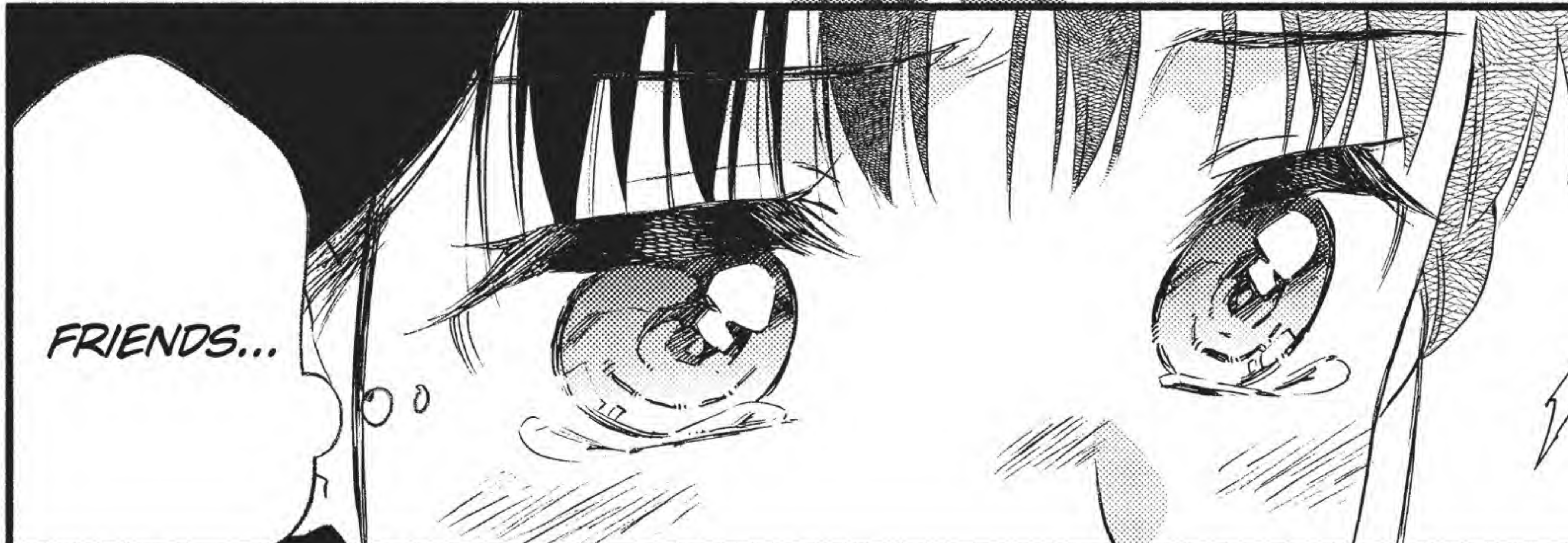
I
WOULD
NEVER
WISH
SUCH A
THING.



BUT I
EXPLAINED
THAT WE
ARE SIMPLY
FRIENDS.

SHE
THOUGHT
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
BETWEEN
US.

SHE WAS
AFRAID I
WOULD
MAKE THE
SAME
MISTAKE
AGAIN.



FRIENDS...

BA-
THUMP

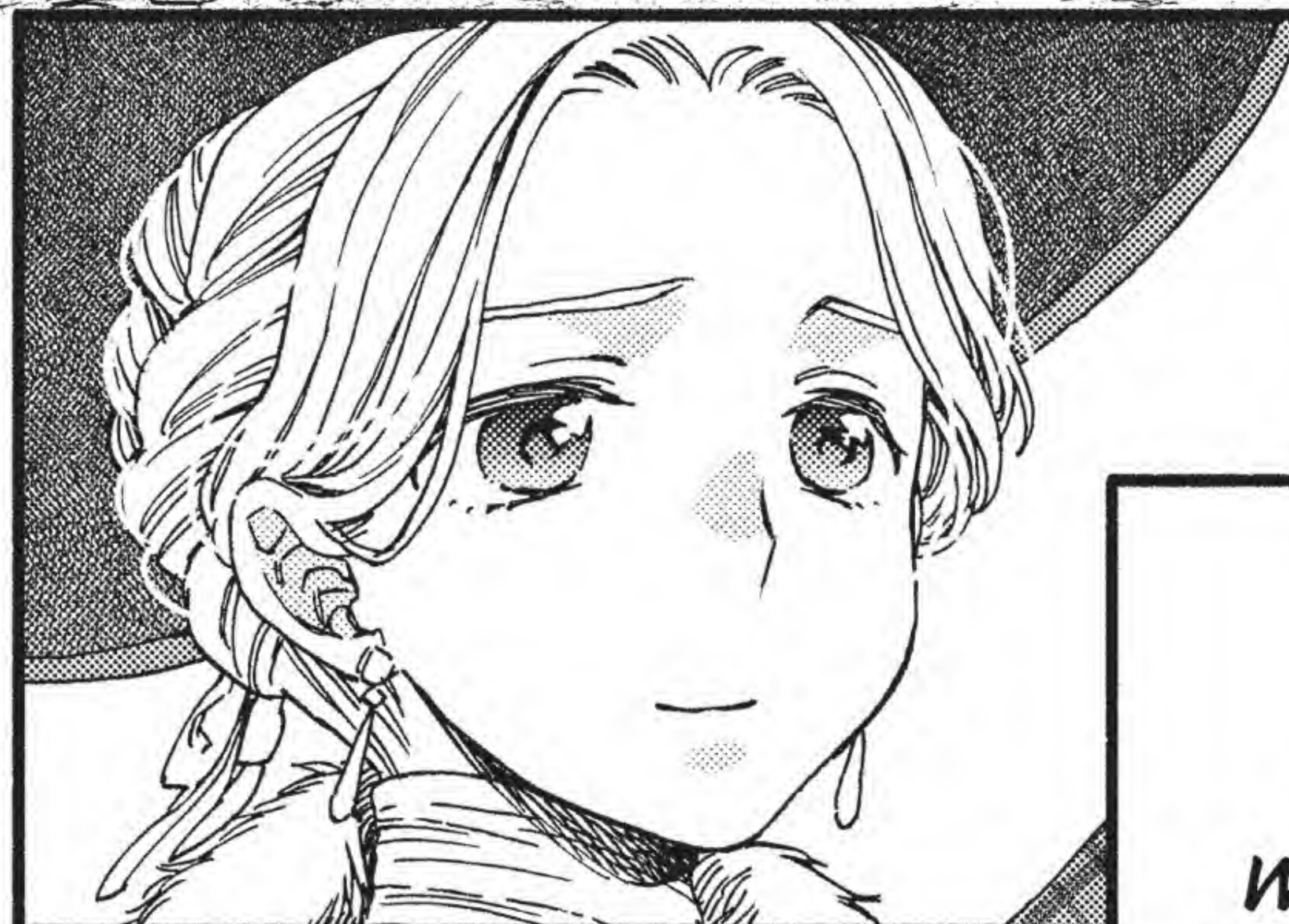
COME
HOME,
HANAKO.

SO YOU
CAN END
YOUR
VACATION
AND GO
BACK TO
THE WAY
THINGS
WERE.

MY
MOTHER
HASN'T
TERMINATED
YOUR
EMPLOY-
MENT...



IF
ONLY MY
FEELINGS
WERE
PLATONIC...



I
WANT
TO GO
HOME
...

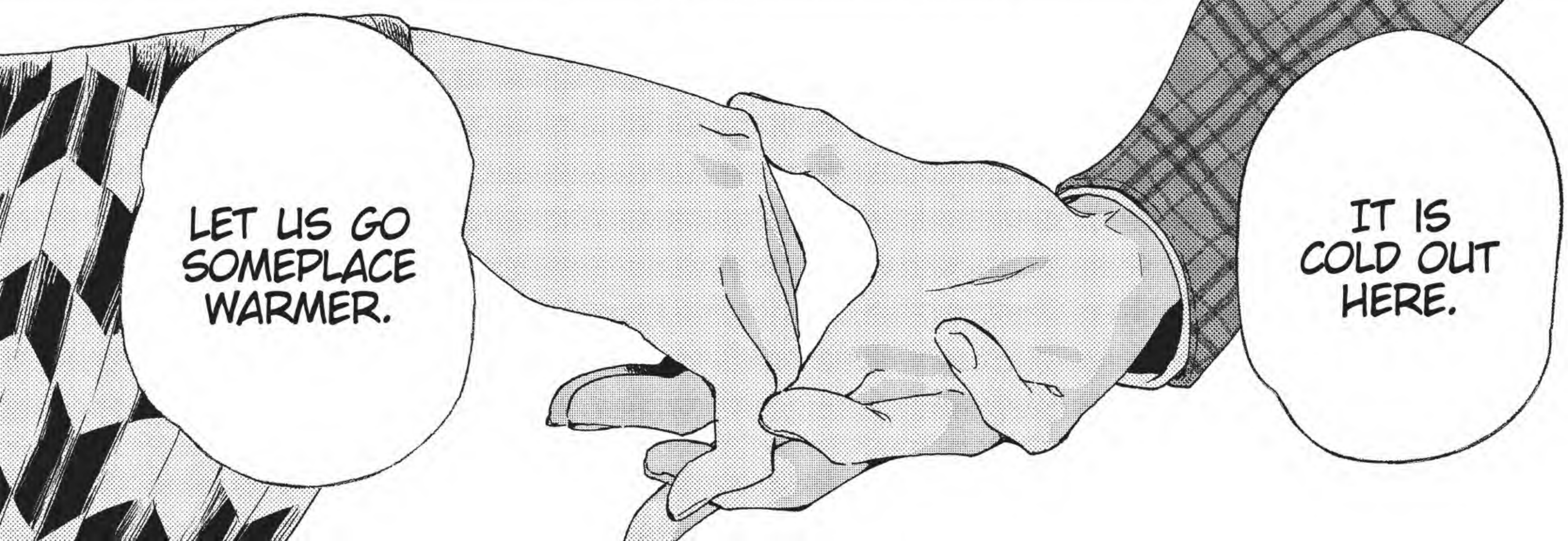
I
WANT
TO BE
WITH
YOU...

ALTHOUGH
I'M NOT
SURE
HOW
TO PUT
IT INTO
WORDS.



LET US GO
SOMEPLACE
WARMER.

IT IS
COLD OUT
HERE.





I NEVER
REALIZED
JUST HOW
HAPPY THE
TOUCH
OF LADY
ALICE'S
HAND
MAKES
ME...

I'M
AFRAID
...
SHE'LL
REALIZE
MY
FEELINGS.

BUT...



YOU ARE
MY ONE
AND ONLY
FRIEND.

BELIEVE
MY
MOTHER'S
WORDS
SO
READILY?

HANAKO,
WHY
WOULD
YOU...

FOR
HIDING
THE
TRUTH...

ABOUT
ELIZA.

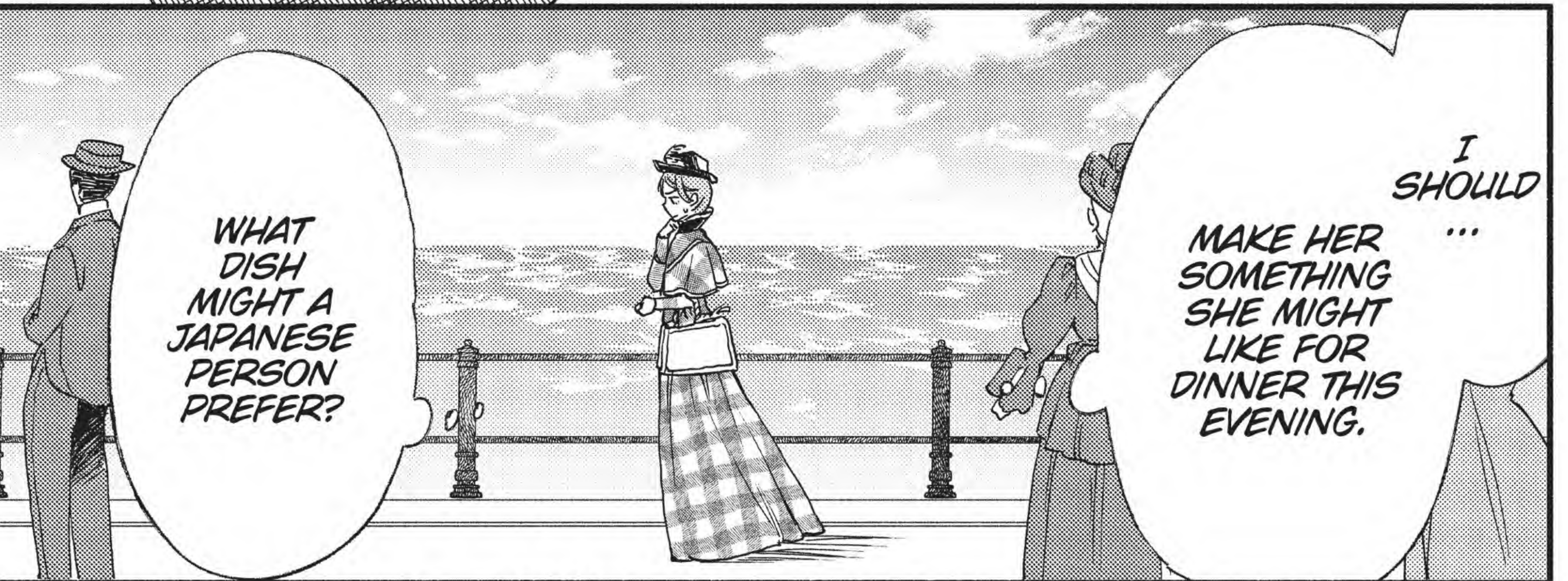
I
THOUGHT
YOU
DESPISED
ME.





PERHAPS
I WAS A
LITTLE
HARSH
WITH THAT
GIRL
YESTER-
DAY.

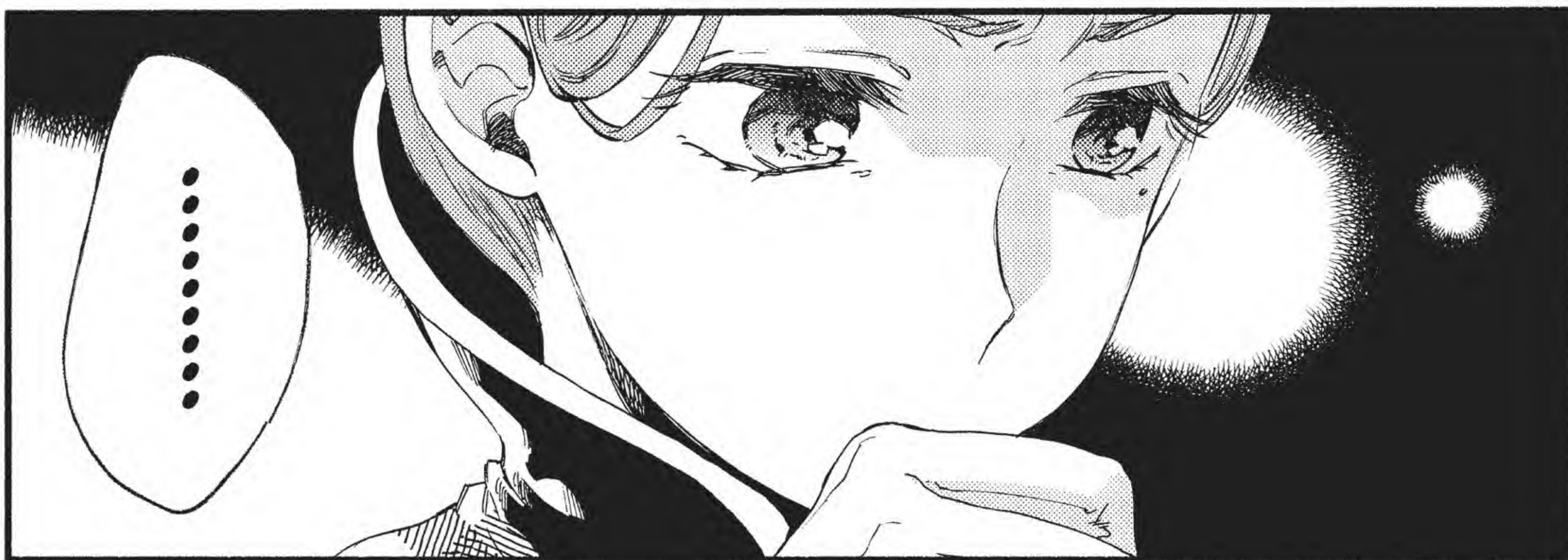
BUT SHE
REMINDS
ME TOO
MUCH OF
MY
YOUNGER
SELF.





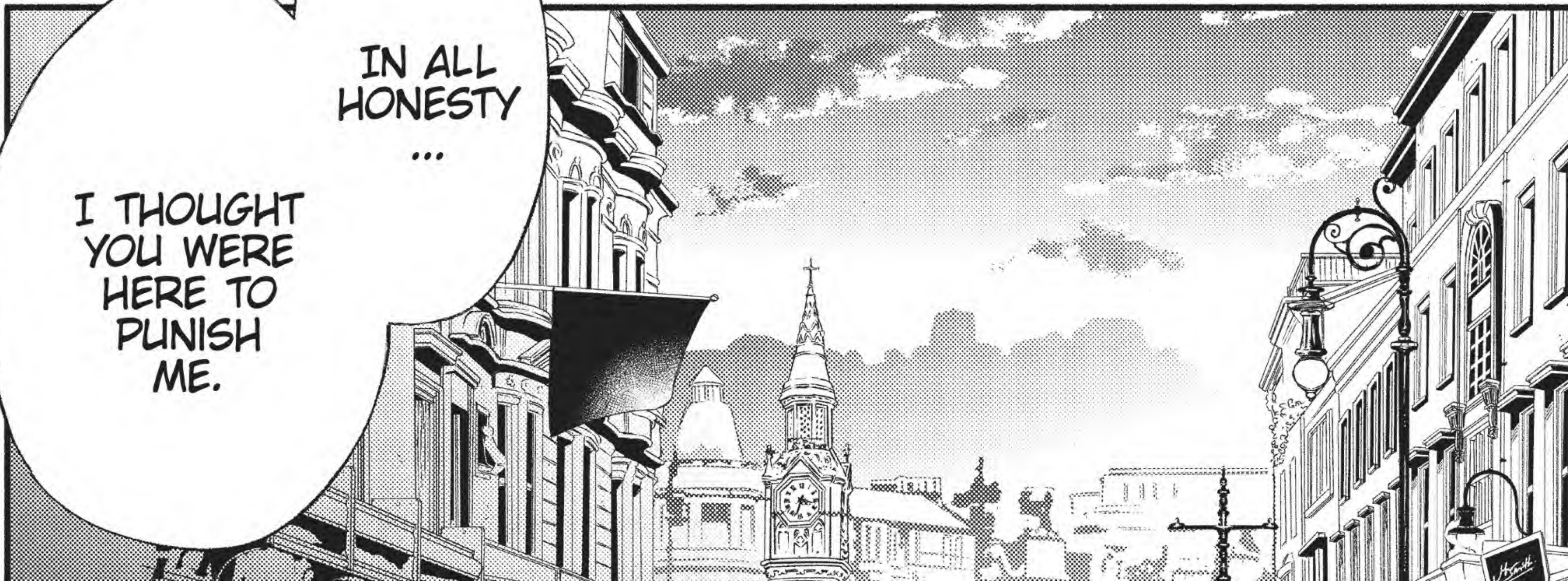
I'M
CERTAIN
SHE IS
LORD
EDWARD'S
FIANCÉE.

THAT
WOMAN...



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
HERE TO
PUNISH
ME.

IN ALL
HONESTY
...





SHE IS
STILL
WATCHING
OVER
ME.

THE
LETTERS
I
READ...



ELIZA
NEVER
TOLD ME
WHERE
SHE
WENT.

BUT
PERHAPS
THAT
WAS A
KINDNESS
ON HER
PART.



MY
EDITOR
HELPED
ME TO
REALIZE
THAT.



ABOUT
ME?

SHE
WROTE
ABOUT
YOU
IN HER
LETTERS.



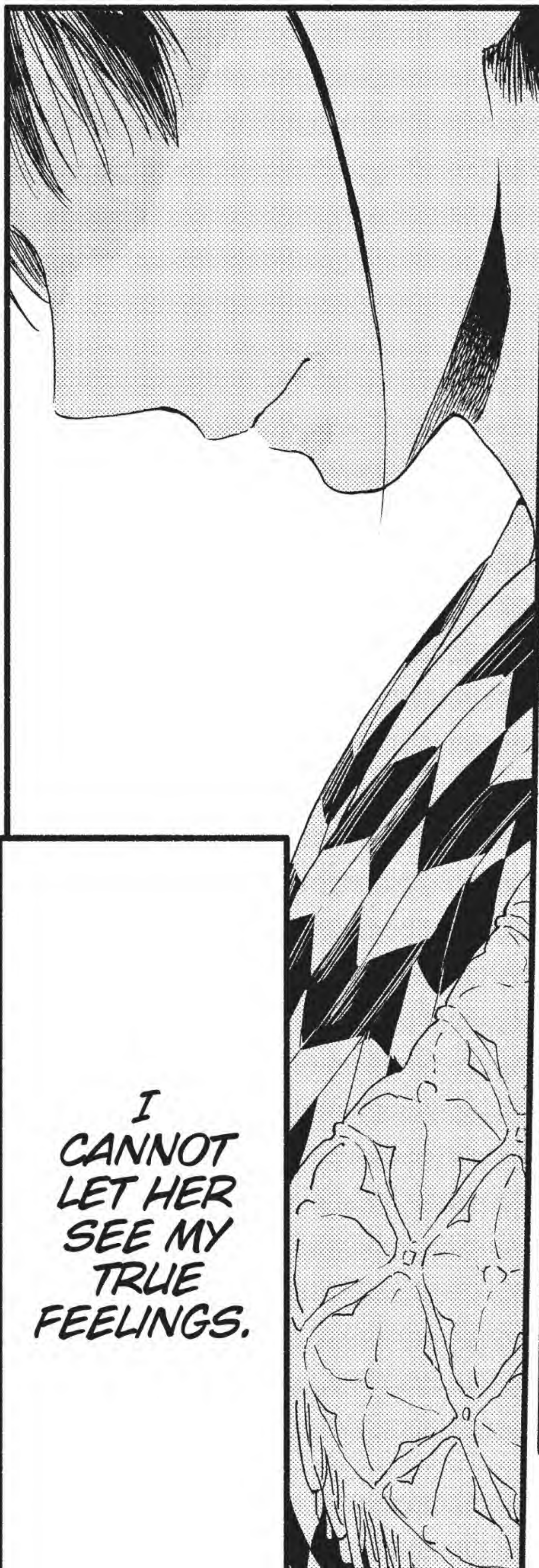
BA-THUMP



THAT YOU
WOULD
BE THE
FRIEND I
DEARLY
NEEDED.

I
BELIEVE
SHE
KNEW...

SHE
SAID OUR
EYES SHINE
JUST AS
BRIGHT.



I
CANNOT
LET HER
SEE MY
TRUE
FEELINGS.



LADY ALICE
IS SO
BEAUTIFUL
WHEN
SHE TALKS
ABOUT
ELIZA.

HER MOUTH
BECOMES
SO
EXPRESSIVE
AND
HER EYES
THREATEN
TEARS.



SHE
STILL
LOVES
HER...



I...

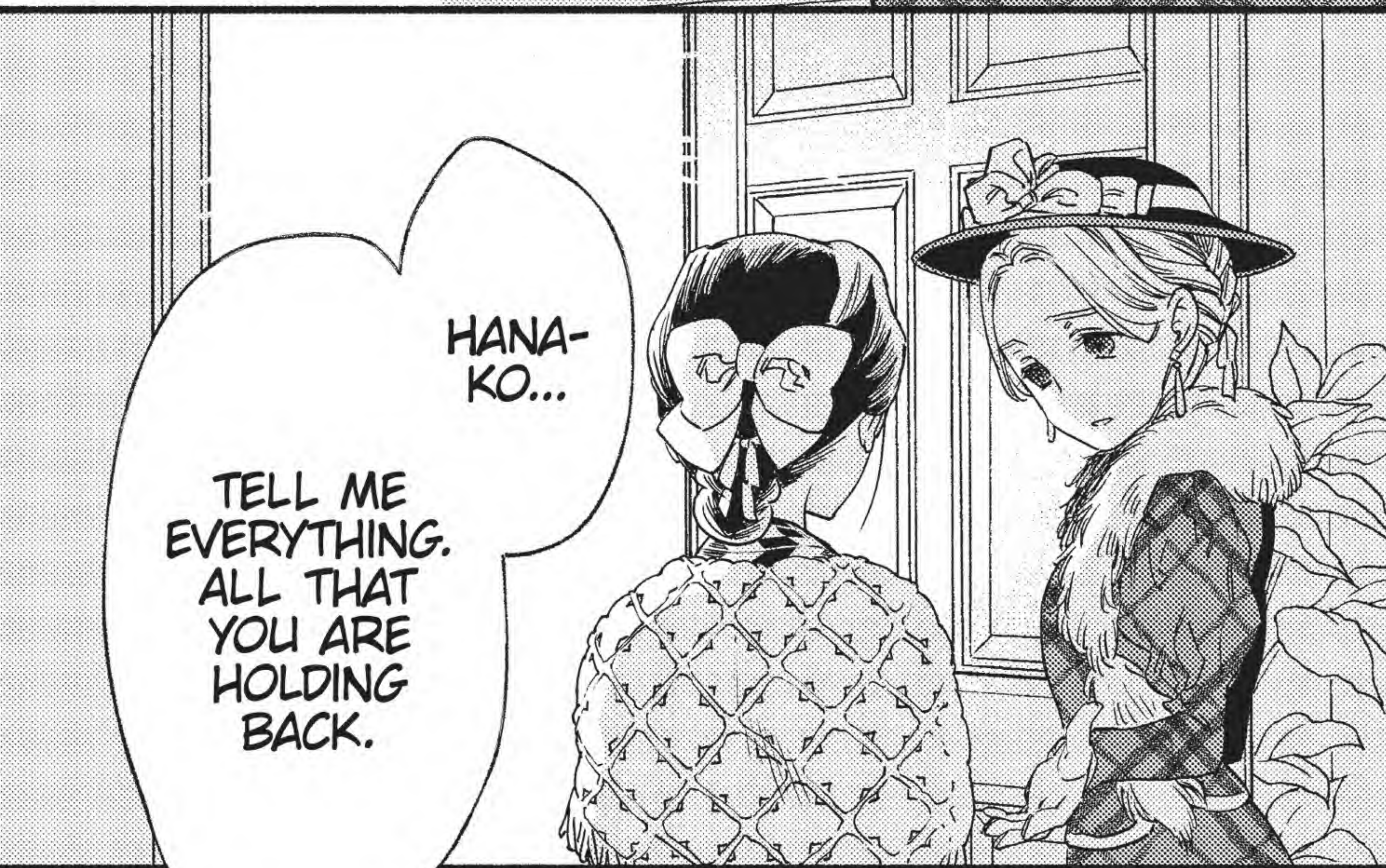
.....



YOU ARE
NOT HERE
TO EXACT
REVENGE
AS I'D
THOUGHT.

SO
WHY...

DID YOU
KEEP THE
TRUTH
HIDDEN?



HANA-
KO...

TELL ME
EVERYTHING.
ALL THAT
YOU ARE
HOLDING
BACK.



KA-CHAK



HANA-KO...?

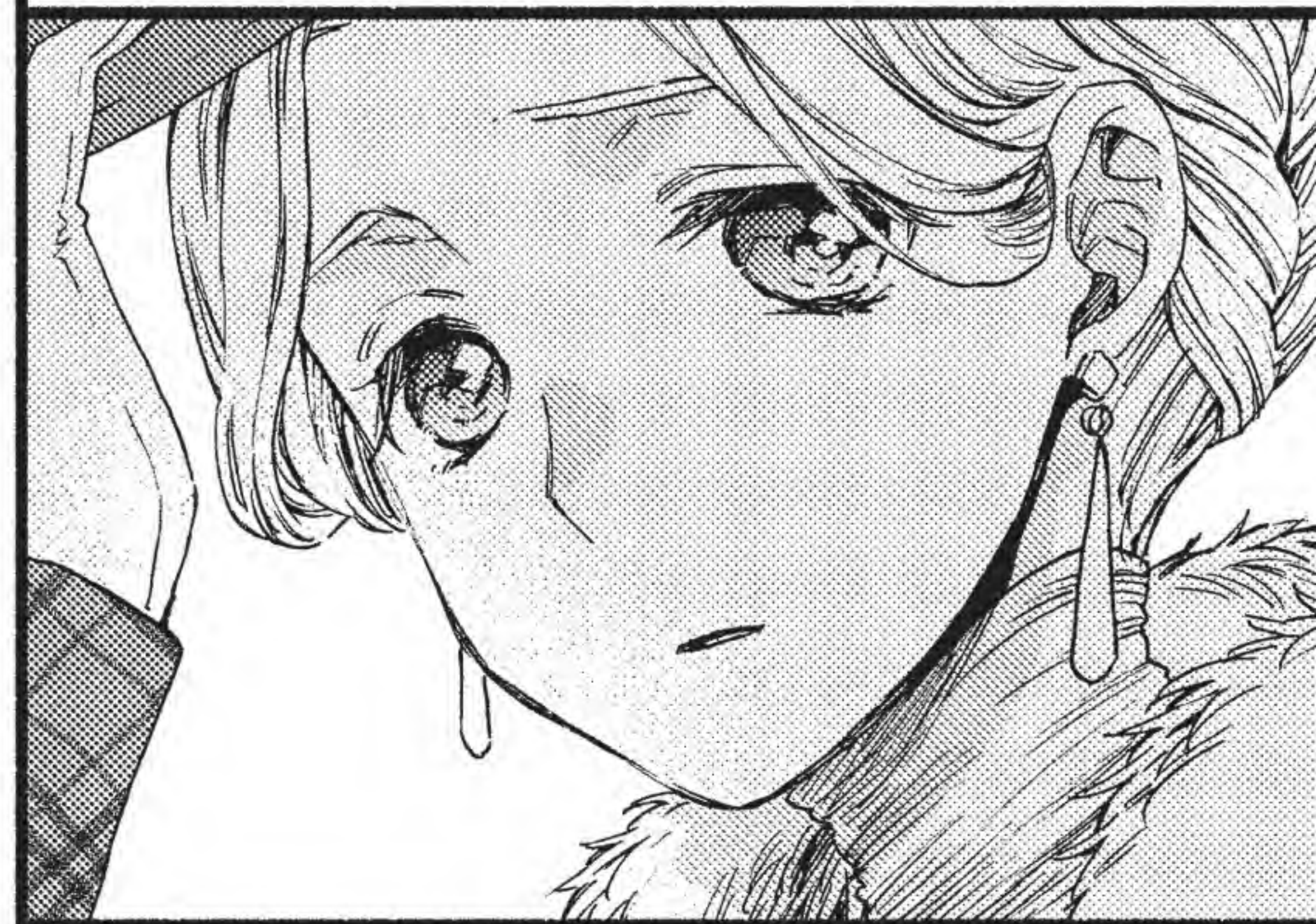


I
CAN'T...



I
CANNOT
ALLOW
HER TO
SEE MY
JEALOUSY.

ESPECIALLY
NOT AFTER
SHE SAID
THAT WE
ARE ONLY
FRIENDS.



WH-
WHY
NOT?



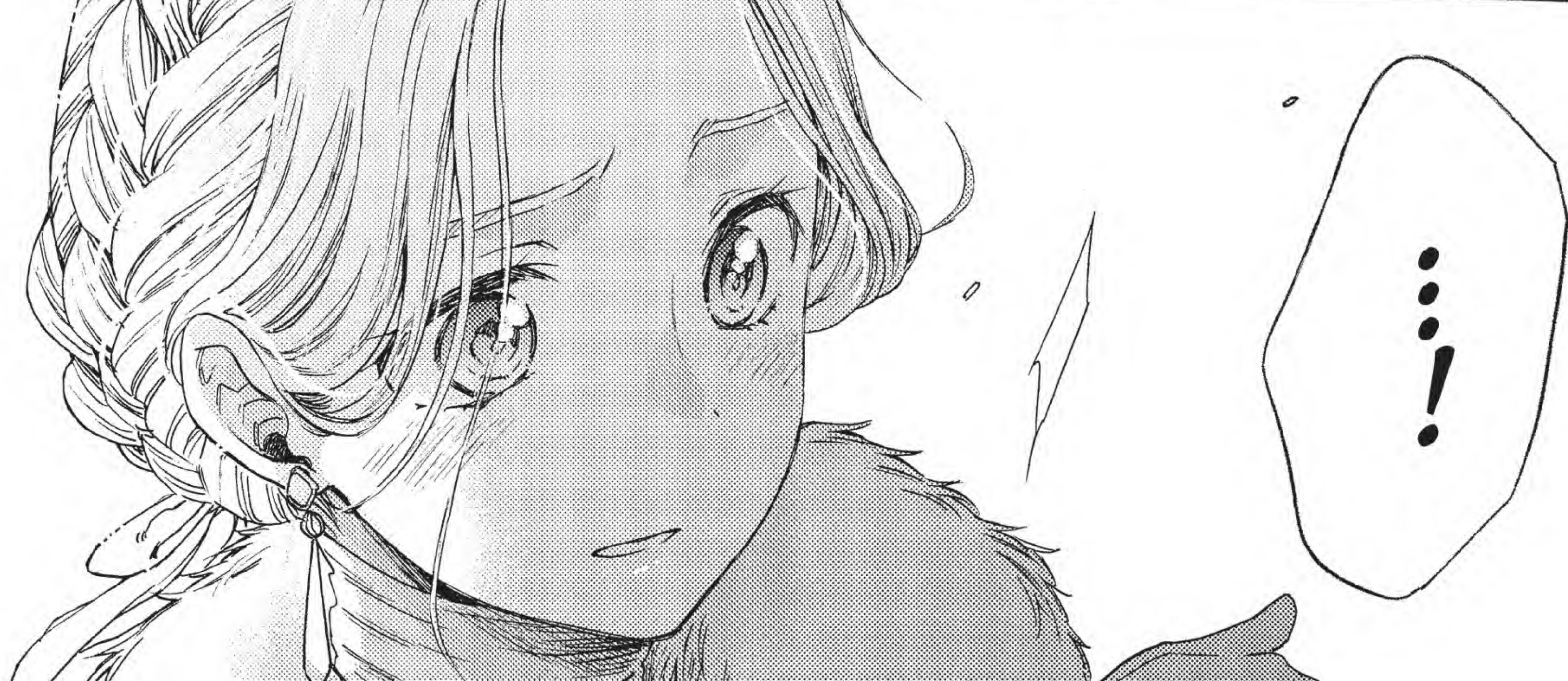
I
CAN NO
LONGER
REMAIN
AT YOUR
SIDE.

HANA-
KO...

CLENCH:

I'M
SO
SORRY...

I AM
UNWORTHY
OF BEING
YOUR
FRIEND.





HANA-KO...

COULD
IT BE
THAT
SHE...?

SQUEEZE



BA-DMP

BA-DMP

WHY
DO YOU
LOOK AT
ME THIS
WAY?

BA-DMP



YOUR
TEARS...

AND
YOUR
FLUSHED
CHEEKS...



AH...

WHAT
IS
THIS?

BUT IF
WE GET
CLOSER,
I SHALL
BRING
HER ONLY
PAIN.

SHE MUST
FEEL THE
SAME AS
I...



LADY
ALICE...

I MUST
RETURN
TO THE
VILLA...

BUT...





**I AM
VICTOR.**



**BE-
CAUSE...**

Goodbye,
my Rose Garden

